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12101 GENERAL

A. NOAA Corps uniforms are distinctive visual evidence of the authority and responsibility vested in the wearer by the United States. All officers shall dress in accordance with the traditions and customs of the uniformed service. Officers shall present a professional appearance that reflects positively on the individual, the NOAA Corps, and the United States.

B. Officers are responsible for procuring and maintaining an adequate supply of uniforms appropriate to their assigned duties.

C. Professional standards of personal hygiene shall be demonstrated.

D. Suggested changes to these Uniform Regulations shall be submitted in writing to the Director, CPC. The following format is required: (1) issue; (2) discussion; (3) alternatives; (4) suggestion; and (5) drawings, if appropriate.

E. All questions concerning details of dress not resolved by these regulations shall be referred to the Director, NC.

12102 AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS

A. Authorized uniforms are those uniforms or uniform items that appear within these regulations. Uniforms or uniform items not listed in these regulations shall not be worn.

B. Authorized uniforms are:

Formal Dress	Winter Blue
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Summer White
Dinner Dress White Jacket	Tropical White
Dinner Dress Blue	Service Khaki
Dinner Dress White	Winter Working Blue
Full Dress Blue	Working Khaki
Full Dress White	Tropical Khaki
Service Dress Blue	Working Coveralls
Service Dress White	Aviation Coveralls

C. **Optional items** are accessory items that may be worn in addition to the basic uniform, and alternate items that may be substituted for a basic uniform component, at the discretion of the officer. **Prescribable items** are those optional items that a command may require based on a duty station, climate, nature of the assignment, or other factors. Maintenance of Prescribable items is required.

12103 REQUIRED UNIFORMS

A. The basic and Prescribable components of required uniforms shall be maintained by all NOAA Corps officers.

B. Required uniforms are:

Service Dress Blue
Winter Blue
Summer White
Service Khaki
Working Khaki

C. All officers in the grade of lieutenant commander or above are required to maintain, in addition to the uniforms listed above:

Dinner Dress Blue Jacket
Dinner Dress White Jacket

12104 UNIFORM OF THE DAY

A. The Uniform of the Day is the uniform prescribed for wear by all NOAA Corps officers within a Command or geographical area. Officers assigned to vessels shall wear the Uniform of the Day aboard ships at sea or on duty aboard ships in port.

B. The Uniform of the Day shall be similar to that prescribed for the Naval District in which the Command is located.

C. Uniforms of the Day shall be designated in the terms used in these regulations.

D. Alternate Uniforms of the Day may be designated. These may be worn at the discretion of the individual officer, in compliance with prescribing criteria.

12105 AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE

A. Center directors, commanding officers, or senior officers present shall prescribe the uniform of the season, day, or special occasion to be worn by all personnel within the limits of their command. Such prescription shall be made with the knowledge and consent of the Director, NC. The Director, NC shall prescribe the uniform to be worn in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

B. Commanding officers may authorize officers under their command to deviate from uniforms prescribed when adverse or unusual field conditions render the prescribed uniforms impractical or inappropriate.

(1) Protective clothing and equipment, not normally part of the uniform, may be issued, authorized, or required. The wearing of motorcycle helmets, industrial hats, safety shoes, coveralls, foul-weather gear, blue or green working jackets (A-2), knit watch caps, sneakers, rubber boots, etc., to meet industrial and personal safety requirements is authorized, and may be mandatory at times.

(2) Civilian clothing may be authorized or required for special operations.

12106 UNIFORM HEADGEAR

The cap is an integral part of the uniform. However, a cap is only required with the Formal Dress, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, or Dinner Dress White Jacket uniforms when wearing an outer garment. Out-of-doors, personnel should remain covered at all times except when ordered to uncover or during religious services not associated with a military ceremony; thus, unless ordered to uncover, personnel shall remain covered during invocations or religious portions of military ceremonies, or at events such as changes of command, ship commissionings, launchings, military burials, etc. The Chaplain conducting the religious portion of the ceremony will be guided by church customs with respect to wearing of head covering. Caps are normally removed indoors. Officers may remove caps when traveling inside a private automobile, but covers are mandatory when entering or within a military reservation.

12107 UNIFORM MATERIAL

Uniform coats, shirts, trousers or skirts, belts, and garrison caps (if worn) shall be made of matching material. Do not mix types of fabric.

12108 CIVILIAN CLOTHING

A. Civilian clothing may be worn on leave or liberty; when leaving or returning to a ship, office, or other work site; or in any off-duty status in port. Officers shall ensure their civilian dress and personal appearance are appropriate for the occasion and will not bring discredit upon the Service.

B. Only the uniform articles listed below are authorized for wear (without insignia) with civilian clothing:

- All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue
- Belts with civilian buckles
- Boots, Flight
- Cap, Command Ball
- Gloves
- Handbags
- Jacket, Black
- Jacket, Khaki Windbreaker
- Jacket, Flight, Brown Leather or Green NOMEX
- Necktie, Black Four-in-Hand
- Shoes
- Sweaters

12109 OFFICERS ON DUTY WITH OTHER SERVICES

A. Officers assigned to duty with other uniformed services shall wear the NOAA Corps uniform equivalent to that prescribed for personnel of the service concerned. See 12109 - Attachment 1.

B. NOAA Corps officers who are transferred to the Armed Forces by Executive Order may wear, with the approval of the service concerned, the uniform of the service to which they have been transferred, and shall comply with the uniform regulations of such service.

C. Officers visiting military installations in uniform shall wear the NOAA Corps equivalent of the designated Uniform of the Day, unless circumstances of the visit render the designated uniform impractical or inappropriate.

TABLE OF SERVICE EQUIVALENT UNIFORMS

NOAA CORPS, NAVY, and PUBLIC HEALTH	COAST GUARD	ARMY	AIR FORCE	MARINE CORPS	WHEN WORN
FORMAL AND DINNER DRESS UNIFORMS					
Formal Dress	Formal Dress	Blue Mess/ Evening Dress	Formal Dress	Evening Dress	Official formal evening functions, state occasions.
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Blue Mess	Mess Dress, Blue	Evening Dress	Social functions of general or official nature, private formal dinners, dinner dances, club affairs.
Dinner Dress White Jacket	Dinner Dress White Jacket	White Mess	Mess Dress, Blue	Evening Dress	
Dinner Dress Blue	Dinner Dress Blue	Army Blue (Bow Tie)	Service Dress	Dress Blue "A "	Same as Dinner/Mess Dress, but less formal occasions requiring more formality than service uniforms but not bow tie.
Dinner Dress White	Dinner Dress White	Army White (Bow Tie)	Service Dress	Dress White "A "	
CEREMONIAL UNIFORMS					
Full Dress Blue	Full Dress Blue	Army Green/ Army Blue	Service Dress	Dress Blue "A " or "B"	Parades, ceremonies, and reviews when special honors being paid to occasion. Official visits of and to U.S. and foreign officials.
Full Dress White	Full Dress White	Army White	Service Dress	Dress White "A " or "B"	
SERVICE UNIFORMS					
Service Dress Blue	Service Dress Blue "A " or "B"	Army Green	Service Dress	Service "A "	Business and informal social occasions as appropriate to local customs.
Service Dress White	Service Dress White	Army White	Service Dress	Service "A "	
Winter Blue	Service Dress Blue "B"	Army Green	Service Uniform	Service "B"	
Summer White	Tropical Blue	Army Green	Service Uniform	Service "C"	
Service Khaki	Tropical Blue Long	Army Green	Service Uniform	Service "C"	
WORKING UNIFORMS					
Winter Working Blue	Winter Blue (Undress)	Battle Dress	Utility	Utility	Working in environment when soiling of clothing is expected.
Working Khaki	Undress Blue/ Working Blue	Battle Dress	Utility	Utility	

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12201 OFFICER BEARING

A. The wearing of the NOAA Corps uniform should be a matter of personal pride to all NOAA Corps officers. Officer bearing includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) proper uniform;
- (2) neat appearance;
- (3) proper personal grooming and hygiene;
- (4) personal carriage;
- (5) appropriate civilian attire when not in uniform;
- (6) proper deportment and interaction with public officials and private citizens; and
- (7) personal health and fitness.

B. Placing hands in pockets, smoking, eating, or drinking while in uniform as a pedestrian detracts from the appearance and is inappropriate.

C. Public display of affection (hand holding, embracing, etc.) while in uniform detracts from the appearance and is inappropriate.

12202 GENERAL GROOMING STANDARDS

A. Grooming standards are based on several elements, including neatness, cleanliness, safety, and appearance. The standards established herein are not intended to be overly restrictive. The primary consideration is to present a neat appearance while wearing the uniform.

B. Articles such as pens, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, pipes, etc., shall not be worn or carried exposed upon the uniform, except as authorized in these regulations.

12203 GROOMING STANDARDS (MALE)

A. **Hair** will be neat, clean, and well groomed. Hair shall be no longer than 4 inches.

(1) Hair above the ears and around the neck shall be tapered from the lower hairline upwards at least 3/4 inch and outwards not greater than 3/4 inch to blend with hairstyle. Hair may not touch the ears or collar, extend below eyebrows when headgear is removed, or interfere with the proper wear of uniform headgear. The bulk of the hair (the distance that the mass of hair protrudes from the scalp) shall not exceed 2 inches. Hair in front shall be groomed so that it does not fall below the band of properly worn headgear.

(2) Hair coloring must look natural and compliment the individual. Faddish or outrageous multicolor hair is not authorized.

(3) The unique quality and texture of curled, kinked, waved, and straight hair is recognized, and in some cases the 3/4 inch taper at the back of the neck may be difficult to attain. In those cases hair must present a graduated appearance and officers may combine the taper with a line at the back of the neck.

(4) Varying hairstyles are permitted if these styles meet the criteria of maximum length and bulk, tapered neck and sides, and do not interfere with properly wearing military headgear. Plaited or braided hair shall not be worn while in uniform or in a duty status.

B. **Sideburns**, if worn, shall be neatly trimmed and tailored in the same manner as the haircut. Sideburns shall not extend below the bottom of the earlobe, shall be of even width (not flared) and shall end with a clean-shaven horizontal line. "Muttonchops," "ship's captain," or similar grooming styles are not authorized.

C. **Mustaches**, if worn, will be kept neatly and closely trimmed. The face will be clean-shaven. No portion of the mustache shall extend below the lip line of the upper lip. In addition, it will not go beyond a horizontal line extending across the corners of the mouth and no more than 1/4 inch beyond a vertical line drawn from the corner of the mouth. The length of an individual mustache hair fully extended will not exceed 1/2 inch. Handlebar mustaches, goatees, beards, or eccentricities are not permitted.

D. **Hairpieces or wigs**, if worn while in uniform, shall be of good quality and fit, present a natural appearance, and conform to the grooming standards set forth in these regulations. They shall not interfere with the proper performance of duty or present a safety hazard.

E. **Fingernails** shall not extend past the fingertips. They shall be kept clean.

F. **Jewelry** in good taste is authorized as outlined below:

- (1) One ring per hand, plus a wedding ring, is authorized.
- (2) One necklace may be worn but it may not be visible.
- (3) Earrings are not authorized for men in uniform.
- (4) One wristwatch and/or one bracelet may be worn. Ankle bracelets are not authorized.

12204 GROOMING STANDARDS (FEMALE)

A. **Hair** will be clean and neatly arranged. When in uniform, back hair may touch but not fall below the lower edge of the collar.

(1) No hair shall show under the front brim of the combination or garrison cap. Conservative hair styles are permitted, but exaggerated styles, including those of excessive fullness or extreme height, are not authorized. In no case shall the bulk of hair interfere with the proper wear of uniform headgear.

(2) Pins, combs or barrettes similar in color to the individual's hair color may be worn. Hair ornaments such as ribbons are not authorized.

(3) Hair coloring must look natural and compliment the individual. Faddish or outrageous multicolor hair is not authorized.

B. **Hairpieces or wigs**, if worn while in uniform, shall be of good quality and fit, present a natural appearance, and conform to the grooming standards set forth in these regulations. They shall not interfere with the proper performance of duty or present a safety hazard. Visible hair nets may be worn only if authorized for specific duty.

C. **Cosmetics**, if used, shall be applied in good taste so that colors blend with natural skin tone and enhance natural features. Exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles shall not be worn with the uniform.

D. **Fingernails** shall not exceed 1/4" measured from the fingertip. Nail polish, if worn, shall be of a neutral color.

E. **Jewelry** in good taste is authorized as outlined below:

(1) One ring per hand, plus a wedding and/or engagement ring, is authorized.

(2) One necklace may be worn but it may not be visible.

(3) One earring per ear, centered on the earlobe, is authorized. Earrings shall be small gold-colored balls or pearls, as specified in these regulations. Nose piercings are not authorized.

(4) One wristwatch and/or one bracelet may be worn. Ankle bracelets are not authorized.

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12301 TRAVEL

A. **General** - When traveling in uniform, Service Dress Blue may be worn during any season of the year. This uniform is authorized, when in a travel status, for periods of actual travel, and for wear during the conduct of business at the destination.

B. **Commuting** - When taking a direct route between place of residence and place of work. Commuting is not considered travel for the purposes of this section. The prescribed or alternate Uniform of the Day may be worn when commuting. Working uniforms may not be worn under any circumstances involving interaction with the public (i.e., aboard public transportation, while running errands, etc.).

C. **Domestic travel** - When traveling in uniform, wear either the prescribed or alternate Uniform of the Day for destination or point of departure, or Service Dress Blue as authorized in 12301A. To conduct business at the destination wear either the prescribed or alternate Uniform of the Day for that area, or Service Dress Blue.

(1) The black v-neck pullover sweaters are authorized for travel with Service Dress Blue and Service Khaki. The blue garrison cap is authorized for travel with Service Dress Blue only when wearing a black v-neck pullover sweater and/or the black jacket.

* (2) The blue windbreaker jacket is not authorized for travel with Service Dress Blue and will be phased out for all by 1 October 2001.

(3) Windbreaker jackets and garrison caps, as authorized in these regulations, are authorized for travel with the Winter Blue, Summer White, and Service Khaki uniforms.

D. **Foreign travel** - When traveling to and in foreign countries in an official capacity, a low profile shall be maintained. Wearing the uniform will be dictated by the occasion.

12302 MATERNITY

A. Maternity uniforms are required for all pregnant women in the NOAA Corps when a uniform is prescribed and regular uniforms no longer fit. Pregnant women may wear outer garments (raincoat, overcoat, reefer, etc.) unbuttoned if they no longer fit properly when buttoned.

B. The only difference between regular and maternity uniforms is the proportion of the fit. Components, optional items, and occasions for wear are described in Part 5 of this chapter.

C. Maternity uniforms authorized include Dinner Dress Blue, Full Dress Blue, Service Dress Blue, Winter Blue, Summer White, Service Khaki, and Working Khaki.

12303 FUNERALS

A. Officers attending funerals in uniform shall wear Service Dress Blue or Service Dress White, as appropriate, unless directed otherwise by local competent authority.

B. Officers shall wear mourning badges when serving as honorary pallbearers at military funerals, or when attending military funerals in an official capacity. Officers attending other funerals may wear mourning badges. Mourning badges shall be worn on the left sleeve of the outer garment, halfway between the shoulder and elbow. Badges shall be made of black crepe, 3 inches wide and sufficiently long to fit around the arm.

C. Officers may be required to wear white gloves at military funerals. Officers may wear white gloves at other funerals, but shall do so only during the actual ceremonies unless white gloves are an authorized part of the uniform being worn.

12304 RETIRED OFFICERS

A. Retired officers not on active duty may wear the prescribed uniforms of the grade held on the retired list at ceremonies or official functions when the dignity of the occasion and good taste dictate. Wearing a uniform is appropriate for memorial services, weddings, funerals, balls, patriotic or military parades, ceremonies in which any active or reserve United States uniformed component is participating, and meetings or functions of military associations.

B. Retired officers are prohibited from wearing the uniform in connection with personal enterprises, business activities, or while attending or participating in any demonstration, assembly, or activity for the purpose of furthering personal or partisan views on political, social, economic, or religious issues.

C. Retired officers not on active duty, residing in or visiting a foreign country, shall not wear the uniform except when attending, by formal invitation, ceremonies or social functions at which the wearing of the uniform is required by the terms of the invitation or by the regulations or customs of the country.

D. The uniform worn by retired officers may be as prescribed herein or as authorized at the time of retirement. Retired officers in uniform shall comply with the grooming standards prescribed for active-duty officers.

E. Retired officers ordered to active duty shall wear the uniform prescribed for officers on active duty.

F. Retired officers may wear miniature medals and breast insignia on civilian evening dress (white tie) or civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as on dinner dress jacket uniforms.

G. Miniature replicas of ribbon bars or ribbons made in rosette form may be worn on the left lapel of civilian clothes other than evening or dinner dress.

12305 OTHER SITUATIONS

A. **Weddings** - The following guidelines are provided for officers planning or participating in weddings in uniform.

(1) **Attire**

(a) **Groom and Best Man** - May wear either civilian attire or uniforms corresponding to accepted civilian customs, i.e., tuxedo equates to Dinner Dress Jacket, business suit equates to Service Dress, etc.

(b) **Bride and Maid-of-Honor** - May wear either civilian attire or uniforms corresponding to civilian attire as discussed in subparagraph (1)(a) above.

(c) **Ushers and Bridesmaids** - Uniformed participants should all wear the same uniform, which may be different from those worn in subparagraphs (1)(a) or (1)(b) above.

(d) **Immediate Family** - Uniformed participants wear uniforms that correspond to subparagraphs (1)(a) or (1)(b) above.

(e) **Guests** - Wear appropriate service dress uniforms.

(2) **Swords** are not usually carried in a house of worship, but the sword belt without scabbard may be carried with Full Dress uniforms with end clips fastened together. For this occasion, if you plan to form an arch of swords through which the bridal party will pass, draw swords outside the house of worship.

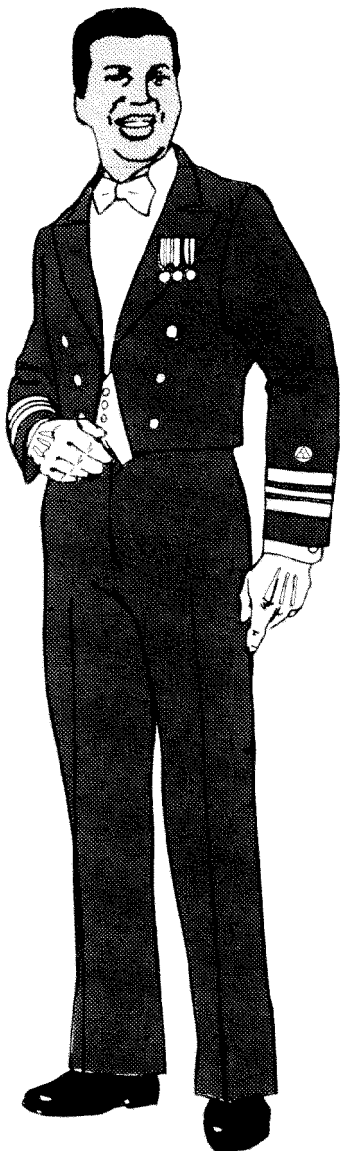
B. Unique Uniform Combinations

With the approval of the senior NOAA Corps officer present, NOAA Corps officers may wear unique uniform combinations to other services' functions when officers of the sponsoring service will be wearing uniforms not normally authorized for NOAA Corps officers. Two examples are Service Dress Blue (Yankee) (white trousers (men)/white slacks or skirt (women) with the Service Dress Blue coat) and Tropical Dinner Dress Blue (white short sleeve shirt with blue trousers (men)/blue skirt (women) and gold cummerbund).

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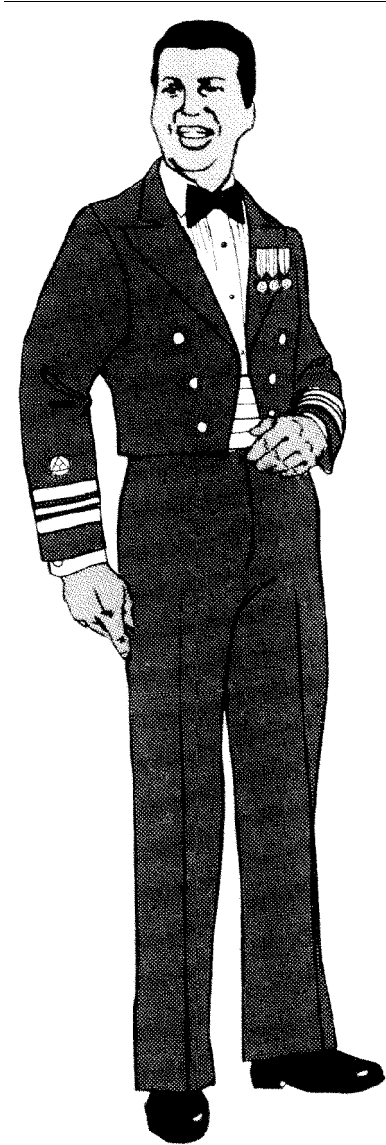
12401 FORMAL DRESS

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress	410
Shirt, White Formal Wing Collar	431
Trousers, Blue Evening	446
Waistcoat	456
Necktie, White Bow	422
Gloves, White	417
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Cuff Links, Mother of Pearl	414
Studs, Mother of Pearl	437
Medals, Miniature	12606
Optional Items	
Overcoat, Blue	423
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Boat Cloak	403
Tailcoat, Blue Formal*	442
Cap, Combination, White	406
(required with outer garment only)	
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Overshoes	424
Suspenders, White	438
Umbrella, Black	452
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Formal Dress is worn to official formal evening functions when civilian men normally wear evening clothes (white tie).

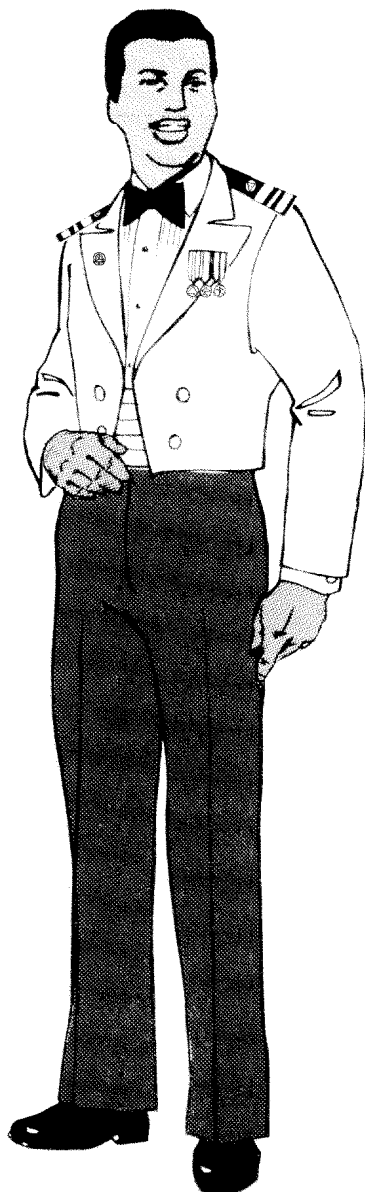
12402 DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress	410
Shirt, White Formal Turndown	430
Trousers, Blue Evening	446
Cummerbund, Gold	415
Necktie, Black Bow	421
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Cuff Links, Gold	414
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Overcoat, Blue	423
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Boat Cloak	403
Cap, Combination, White (required with outer garment only)	406
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Gloves, White*	417
Overshoes	424
Suspenders, White	438
Umbrella, Black	452
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Dinner Dress Blue Jacket is worn to official functions when civilian men normally wear black tie. This is a prescribable winter uniform for lieutenant commanders and above, optional for lieutenants and below.

12403 DINNER DRESS WHITE JACKET

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, White Jacket, Dinner Dress	412
Shirt, White Formal Turndown	430
Trousers, Blue Evening	446
Cummerbund, Gold	415
Necktie, Black Bow	421
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White	453
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Cuff Links, Gold	414
Studs, Gold	437
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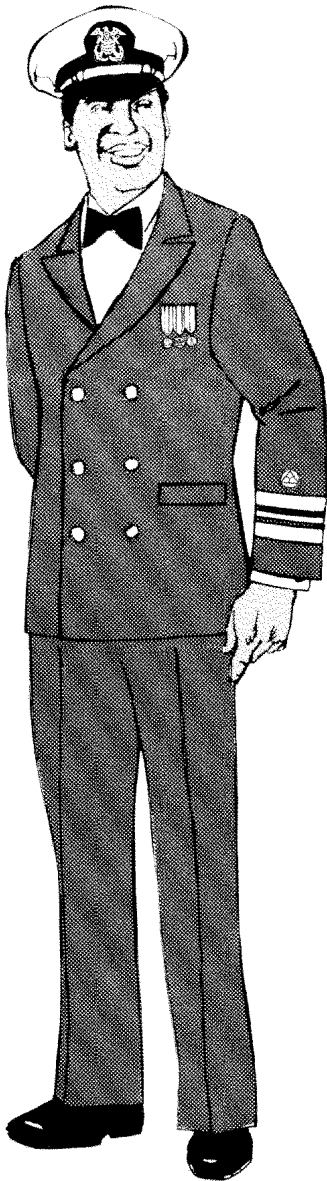
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All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
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Suspenders, White	438
Umbrella, Black	452
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Dinner Dress White Jacket is worn to official functions when civilian men normally wear black tie. This is a prescribable summer uniform for lieutenant commanders and above, optional for lieutenants and below.

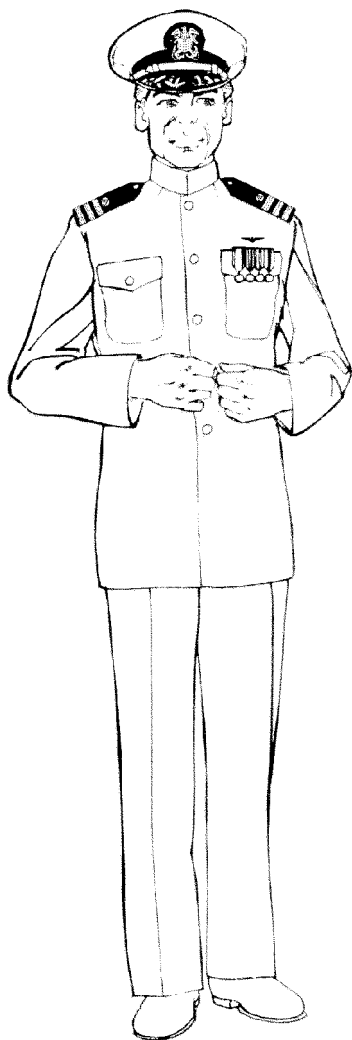
**12404 DINNER DRESS BLUE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue, Service Dress	411
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve	429
Trousers, Blue Dress	445
Belt, Black, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Necktie, Black Bow	421
Cap, Combination, White	406
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White	453
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Gloves, White*	417
Overshoes	424
Shirt, White Formal Turndown	430
Suspenders, White	438
Cuff Links, Gold	414
Studs, Gold	437
Umbrella, Black	452
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Dinner Dress Blue is worn to official, semiformal functions when civilian men normally wear dinner jackets or conservative business suits. This is a prescribable winter uniform. Lieutenants and below may wear this uniform in lieu of Dinner Dress Blue Jacket.

12405 DINNER DRESS WHITE

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, White, Service Dress	413
Trousers, White Long	450
Belt, White, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Cap, Combination, White	406
Shoes, White Dress	434
Socks, White	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Shoulder Boards (Hard)	12602 B
Medals, Miniature	12606

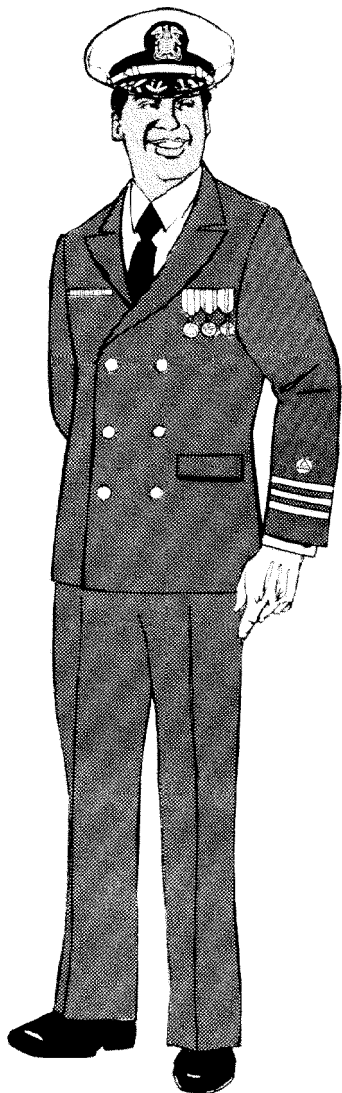
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Gloves, White*	417
Overshoes	424
Umbrella, Black	452
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Dinner Dress White is worn to official, semiformal functions when civilian men normally wear summer dinner jackets or lightweight conservative business suits. This is a prescribable summer uniform. Lieutenants and below may wear this uniform in lieu of Dinner Dress White Jacket.

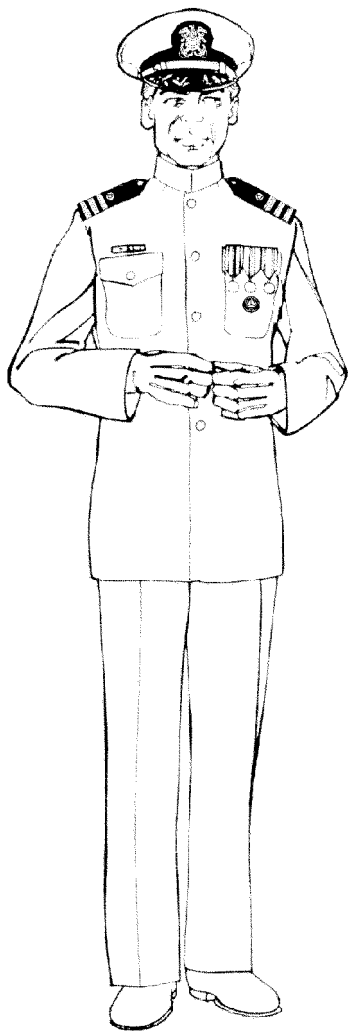
**12406 FULL DRESS BLUE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue, Service Dress	411
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve	429
Trousers, Blue Dress	445
Belt, Black, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Necktie, Black Four-in-Hand	420
Gloves, White	417
Cap, Combination, White	406
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Medals, Large	12605
Ribbon Bars	12607
Optional Items	
Overcoat, Blue	423
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Overshoes	424
Cuff Links, Gold	414
Tie Clasp/Tack	443
Umbrella, Black	452
Sword	441
Command Insignia, Large	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Full Dress Blue is worn on formal occasions such as assuming or relinquishing command, or participating in the ceremony; ceremonial visits to foreign men-of-war and foreign officials; and occasions of state, ceremonies, and solemnities.

12407 FULL DRESS WHITE

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, White, Service Dress	413
Trousers, White Long	450
Belt, White, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Gloves, White	417
Cap, Combination, White	406
Shoes, White Dress	434
Socks, White	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Shoulder Boards (Hard)	12602 B
Medals, Large	12605
Ribbon Bars	12607

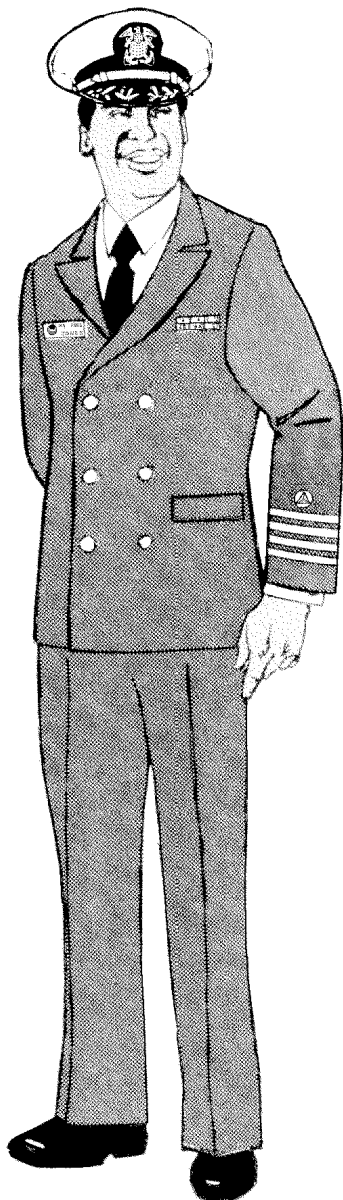
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Overshoes	424
Umbrella, Black	452
Sword	441
Command Insignia, Large	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Full Dress White is worn on formal occasions such as assuming or relinquishing command, or participating in the ceremony; ceremonial visits to foreign men-of-war and foreign officials; and occasions of state, ceremonies, and solemnities.

**12408 SERVICE DRESS BLUE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue, Service Dress	411
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve	429
Trousers, Blue Dress	445
Belt, Black, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Necktie, Black Four-in-Hand	420
Cap, Combination, White	406
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Name Tag	12609 A

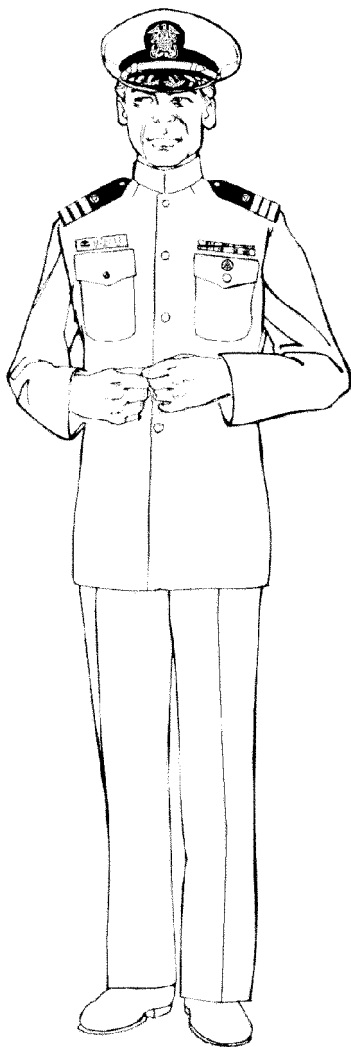
Optional Items

Overcoat, Blue	423
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Reefer	425
Jacket, Black	419
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue**	419
Cap, Garrison, Blue (with pullover sweater or jacket only)	408
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	416
Gloves, Black (White* for funerals)	417
Overshoes	424
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	439
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	440
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve	429
Vest	455
Boots, Black, Half-Wellington	404
Cuff Links, Gold	414
Tie Clasp/Tack	443
Umbrella, Black	452
Shoulder Boards (Soft) (required on shirts with epaulets)	12602 B
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Service Dress Blue is standard office attire and may be prescribed for year-round wear to official functions when civilian men's equivalent dress is coat and tie.

12409 SERVICE DRESS WHITE

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, White, Service Dress	413
Trousers, White Long	450
Belt, White, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Cap, Combination, White	406
Shoes, White Dress	434
Socks, White	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Shoulder Boards (Hard)	12602 B
Name Tag	12609 A

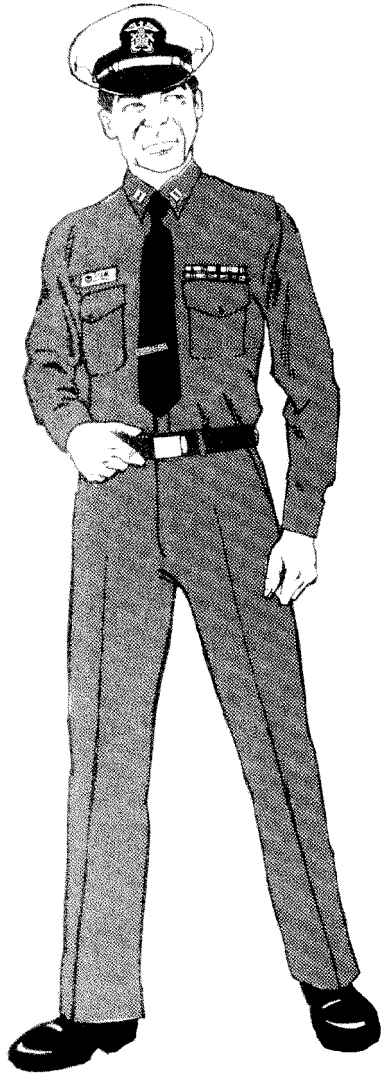
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	416
Gloves, White*	417
Overshoes	424
Umbrella, Black	452
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Service Dress White may be prescribed for summer wear when civilian men's equivalent is coat and tie.

12410 WINTER BLUE

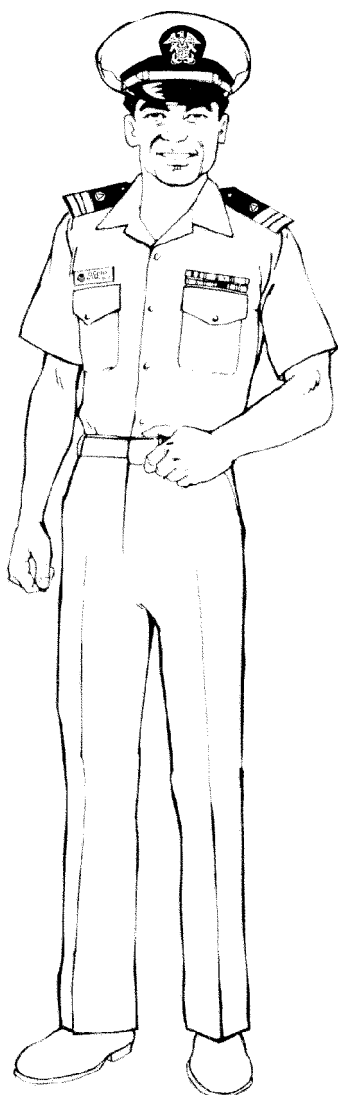
Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, Winter Blue	433
Trousers, Blue Dress	445
Belt, Black, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Necktie, Black Four-in-Hand	420
Cap, Combination, White	406
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C
Name Tag	12609 A
Optional Items	
Overcoat, Blue	423
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Reefer	425
Jacket, Black	419
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue	419
Jacket, Brown Leather (aviators only)	496
Cap, Garrison, Blue	408
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	416
Overshoes	424
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	439
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	440
Boots, Black, Half-Wellington	404
Tie Clasp/Tack	443
Umbrella, Black	452
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Winter Blue is normally worn in winter for office work, watch standing, liberty, or business ashore when prescribed as Uniform of the Day.

12411 SUMMER WHITE



Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, White Summer	432
Trousers, White Long	450
Belt, White, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Cap, Combination, White	406
Shoes, White Dress	434
Socks, White	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Shoulder Boards (Hard)	12602 B
Name Tag	12609 A

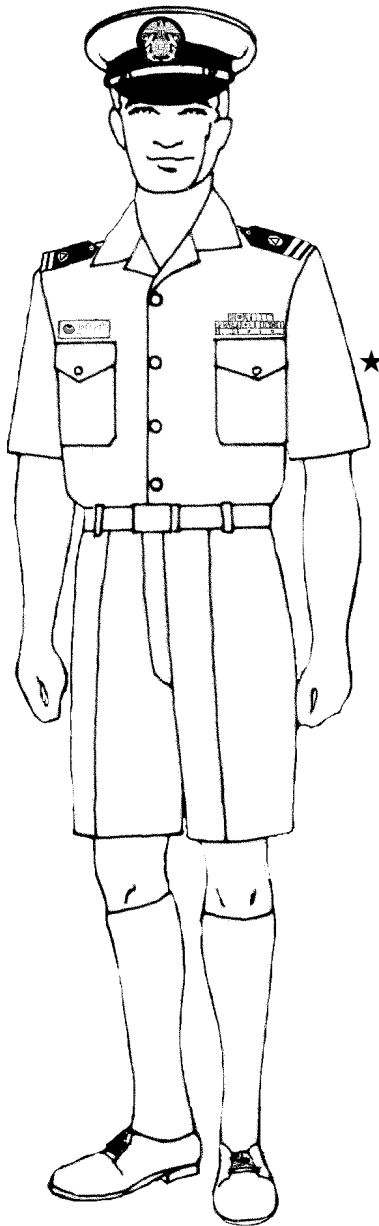
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Reefer	425
Jacket, Black	419
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue	419
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	416
Overshoes	424
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	439
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	440
Umbrella, Black	452
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Summer White is normally worn in summer for office work, watch standing, liberty, or business ashore when prescribed as Uniform of the Day.

**12412 TROPICAL WHITE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, White Summer	432
Trousers, White Short	451
Belt, White, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Cap, Combination White	406
Shoes, White Dress	434
Socks, White Knee Length	436
★ Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Shoulder Boards (Hard)	12602 B
Name Tag	12609 A

Optional Items

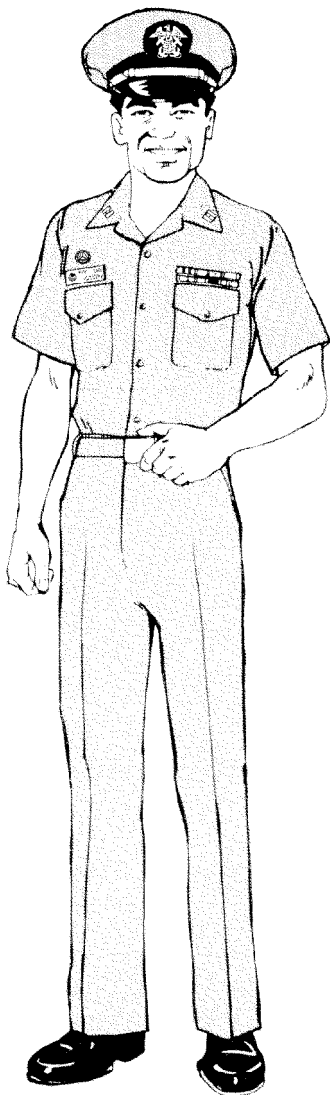
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Overshoes	424
Umbrella, Black	452
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Item

Occasions for Wear

Tropical White is normally worn for office work, watch standing, liberty, or business ashore in tropical climates when prescribed as Uniform of the Day.

★ 12413 SERVICE KHAKE

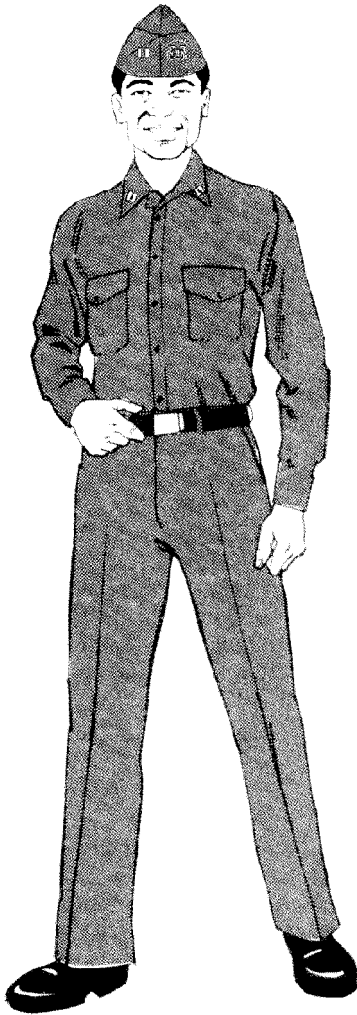


Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, Khaki Summer	427
Trousers, Khaki Summer	447
Belt, Khaki, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Cap, Combination, Khaki	406
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White V-neck	453
Undershorts	454
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C
Name Tag	12609 A
Optional Items	
All Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Reefer	425
Jacket, Black	419
Jacket, Windbreaker, Khaki	419
Jacket, Brown Leather (aviators only)	496
Cap, Garrison, Khaki*	408
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	416
Overshoes	424
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	439
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	440
Boots, Black, Half-Wellington	404
Shoes, Brown	434
Socks, Khaki (with brown shoes only)	436
Umbrella, Black	452
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Service Khaki is normally worn for office work, watch standing, liberty, or business ashore when prescribed as Uniform of the Day.

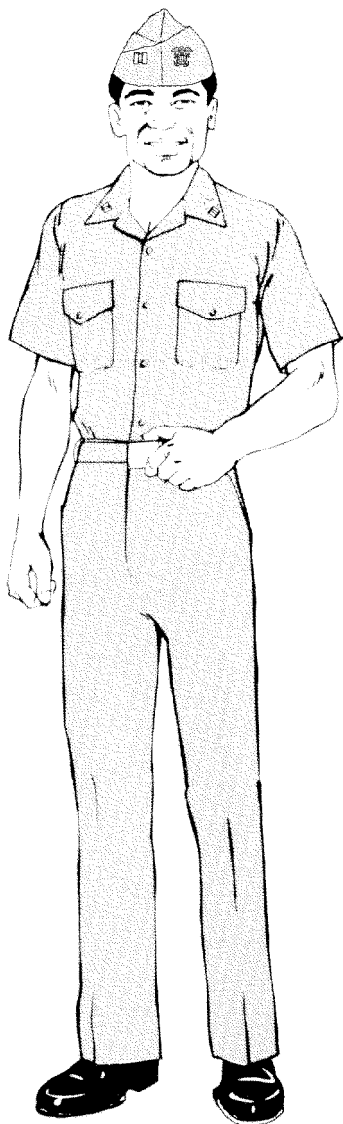
12414 WINTER WORKING BLUE

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, Winter Blue	433
Trousers, Blue Dress	445
Belt, Black, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Cap, Combination, White	406
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C
Optional Items	
Overcoat, Blue	423
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Reefer	425
Jacket, Black	419
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue	419
Jacket, Brown Leather (aviators only)	496
Cap, Garrison, Blue	408
Cap, Command Ball	407
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	416
Overshoes	424
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	439
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	440
Boots, Black, Half-Wellington	404
Shoes, Black Safety*	435
Umbrella, Black	452
Name Tag	12609 A
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Winter Working Blue is worn when other uniforms would be unsafe or become unduly soiled. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.

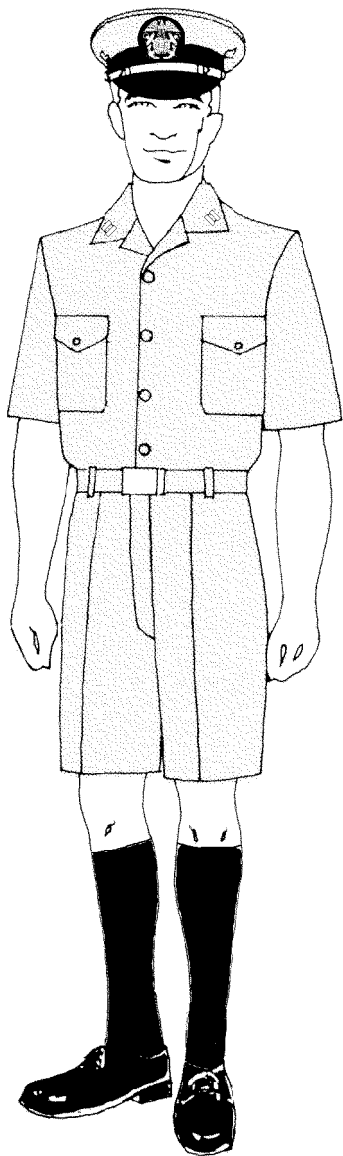
**12415 WORKING KHAKI**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, Khaki Working, Short Sleeve	428
Trousers, Khaki Working	448
Belt, Khaki, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Cap, Combination, Khaki	406
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White V-neck	453
Undershorts	454
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C
Optional Items	
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Reefer	425
Jacket, Black	419
Jacket, Windbreaker, Khaki	419
Jacket, Brown Leather (aviators only)	496
Cap, Garrison, Khaki*	408
Cap, Command Ball	407
Scarf (with outer garment only)	426
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	416
Overshoes	424
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	439
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	440
Shirt, Khaki Working, Long Sleeve*	428
Boots, Black, Half-Wellington	404
Shoes, Black Safety*	435
Shoes, Brown (aviators only)	434
Socks, Khaki (with brown shoes only)	436
Umbrella, Black	452
Name Tag	12609 A
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Working Khaki is worn when other uniforms would be unsafe or become unduly soiled. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.

**12416 TROPICAL KHAKI**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, Khaki Working, Short Sleeve	428
Trousers, Khaki Short	449
Belt, Khaki, with Gold Clip	402
Buckle, Gold	405
Cap, Combination, Khaki	406
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black Knee Length	436
Undershirt, White V-neck	453
Undershorts	454
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C

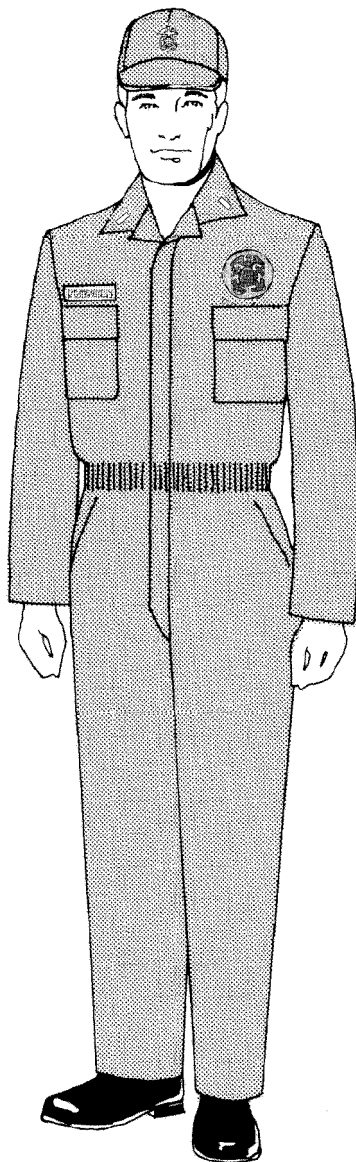
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Cap, Garrison, Khaki*	408
Cap, Command Ball	407
Overshoes	424
Shoes, Black Safety*	435
Umbrella, Black	452
Name Tag	12609 A
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Tropical Khaki is a working uniform worn when Tropical White would become unduly soiled and safety is not a factor. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.

**12417 WORKING COVERALLS**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coveralls, Dark Blue	492
Cap, Command Ball	407
Shoes, Black Dress	434
Socks, Black	436
Undershirt, White	453
Undershorts	454
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal/Embroidered	12602 C, D

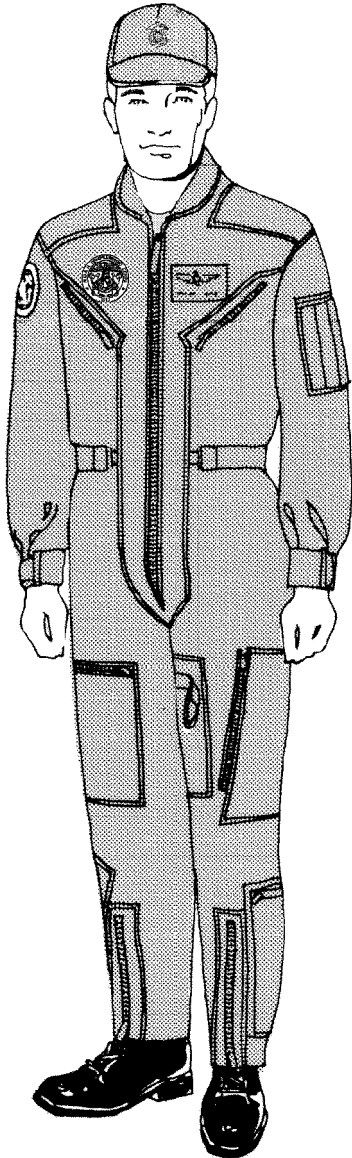
Optional Items

All Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	401
Reefer	425
Jacket, Black	419
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue	419
Cap, Garrison, Blue	408
Hard Hat*	
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	416
Overshoes	424
Shoes, Black Safety*	435
Boots, Black, Half-Wellington	404
Umbrella, Black	452
Name Tag, Plastic/Cloth	12609 A
Patch, NOAA Corps	

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Working Coveralls are intended for wear under those conditions in a field environment so rigorous as to unduly soil or ruin a standard working uniform. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.

**12418 AVIATION COVERALLS**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Flying Suit, NOMEX, Blue	493
Gloves, Flyer's, NOMEX, Sage Green	494
Cap, Command Ball	407
Boots, Pilot's, Black Leather	490
Socks	
Undershirt	
Undershorts	454
Shoulder Grade Insignia, Metal/Embroidered	12602 B
Name Tag, Leather	12609 A
Patch, NOAA Corps	
Patch, AOC	

Optional Items

Jacket, NOMEX, Green	497
Jacket, Brown Leather	496
Glove Shells, Flyer's, Leather	495
Cap, Garrison, Khaki	408

Occasions for Wear

Aviation Coveralls are a working uniform intended for wear by NOAA flight crews. Uniform headgear will not be worn in the vicinity of aircraft. Other footwear appropriate to the mission, may be authorized. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.

DESCRIPTION AND CORRECT WEAR OF MALE UNIFORM ITEMS

401. All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue

A. Description: A single-breasted, beltless, water repellent coat made of navy blue (black in appearance), 65%/35% polyester/cotton poplin fabric. It has epaulets, tabs on cuffs, and a zip-out lining. Plastic and poplin unlined raincoats, and blue double-breasted raincoats may be worn as long as serviceable.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except the collar button. Collar button may be buttoned in inclement weather. When wearing the all-weather coat/raincoat, the plastic combination cap rain cover may be worn. Wear coat with metal shoulder grade insignia. See section 12602B(3).

402. Belt With Gold Clip (Black, White, Khaki)

A. Description: Plain cloth or webbing, same color as uniform, 1-1/4 inch wide, and fitted with gold-colored clip.

B. Correct Wear: Wear the belt through all loops with clip to the LEFT of the buckle. Certified Navy Twill (CNT) belts are required with CNT uniforms.

403. Boat Cloak

A. Description: Made of dark blue woolen fabric, three-quarters of a circle, with a circular bent collar, and extending 2 inches below the kneecap. May be water repellent. Cloak is closed at the neck with hooks and eyes and on the chest by one set of silk or mohair frogs.

B. Correct Wear: Wear with all fasteners closed.

404. Boots, Half-Wellington

A. Description: Plain black half boot without stitching or a seam across the toe.

B. Correct Wear: Keep well shined and in good repair.

405. Buckle, Gold

A. Description: The prescribed buckle is plain and gold colored. A larger silver-colored buckle decorated with the appropriate design of the officer's present command (i.e., ship) may be authorized. Silver-colored buckles, plain or decorated, of the same size as the plain gold-colored belt buckle, are not authorized.

B. Correct Wear:

(1) Wear the plain gold-colored buckle so the belt clip end touches the left side of the buckle. Align the right side of the buckle with the opening of the shirt and opening of the fly, forming a straight "gig" line. A plain belt buckle is required for ceremonial functions.

(2) When authorized, a decorated silver-colored buckle larger than the plain gold-colored buckle may be worn with the belt, gold-colored clip end concealed by the buckle and the buckle centered.

406. Cap, Combination (White, Khaki)

A. Description: A military cap with black visor, rigid standing front, flaring circular rim and black cap band worn with detachable khaki or white cap cover. For visor ornamentation and cap insignia see section 12601B.

B. Correct Wear: Wear squarely on the head, with the bottom edge parallel to and 1-1/2 inches above the eyebrows. No hair shall show under the front bill of the cap. When wearing a raincoat, the plastic combination cap rain cover may be worn.

407. Cap, Command Ball

A. Description: Made in conventional baseball cap style of standard blue wool or synthetic fabric or a blend. The cap may bear command logos in good taste. The command name and/or designation may be embroidered or sewn in block letters centered on the front. The individual's name may be centered on the back of the cap in sewn or embroidered letters. Lettering may be in traditional command colors. Visor ornamentation, appropriate to the wearer's grade, is authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Wear squarely on the head, with the bottom edge parallel to and 1-1/2 inch above the eyebrows. The command ball cap may be worn with any working uniform, anywhere within the confines of the station if authorized by the prescribing authority. A miniature cap device is worn in accordance with section 12601C(2). The cap may be worn with civilian clothing on or off station without insignia.

408. Cap, Garrison (Blue, Khaki)

A. Description: A plain, flat, folded, fore and aft cap made of navy blue or khaki fabric matching the uniform with which it is worn.

B. Correct Wear: Wear squarely on the head, with the fore and aft crease centered vertically between the eyebrows and the lowest point approximately 1 inch above the eyebrows. No hair shall show under the front of the cap. Wear with miniature cap device and metal collar grade insignia. See section 12601C(1).

409. Reserved

410. **Coat, Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress**

A. Description: A mess jacket made of authorized fabric with semi-peaked, narrow lapels of the same fabric as the jacket, and the back tapered to a point. There are three 35-line, gilt buttons down each side of the front, with a gold front closure held in by buttons placed inside each front facing. Buttons are described in section 12601D. Sleeve insignia shall be worn as described in sections 12601A and 12602A.

B. Correct Wear: Wear with gold elastic or chain closure fastened.

411. **Coat, Blue, Service Dress**

A. Description: A double-breasted coat made of authorized fabric, with three outside pockets, one on each hip and one on left breast, and a sword slit over the left hip. There are three 35-line gilt buttons down each forefront. Buttons are described in section 12601D. Sleeve insignia shall be worn as described in sections 12601A and 12602A.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. Coat may be removed in immediate office space only. If wearing the epauletted white dress shirt with soft shoulder boards, the coat need not be worn indoors in nonpublic areas. Commanding officers should specify areas within the command where coats are required.

412. **Coat, White Jacket, Dinner Dress**

A. Description: A mess jacket made of authorized fabric with semi-peaked, narrow lapels of the same fabric as the jacket, loops for hard shoulder boards, and the back tapered to a point. There are two 35-line gilt buttons on each side of the front. The front is held together by two 28-line gilt buttons with a link approximately 3/4-inch long. Buttons are described in section 12601D.

B. Correct Wear: Wear it held together by gold linked buttons. Wear with hard shoulder boards. See section 12602B(1).

413. Coat, White, Service Dress

A. Description: A single-breasted, standing collar coat made of authorized fabric, form fitting, with sword slit over left hip, and loops for hard shoulder boards. There are two breast patch pockets with pointed button down flaps fastened by detachable 22-1/2-line gilt buttons. Five detachable 35-line buttons are on right front. Buttons are described in section 12601D.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons and fasten the collar. Wear with hard shoulder boards. See section 12602B(1).

414. Cuff Links

A. Description: Link or stud pattern of conservative design. Cuff Links may be gold colored or mother-of-pearl as required.

B. Correct Wear: Wear with the face of the cuff link directed outboard from the wearer.

415. Cummerbund, Gold

A. Description: Plain, gold-colored, pleated, to fasten in the back. Adjustable cummerbunds are authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Wear with pleats up, around the waist overlapping the trouser top at least 1 inch.

416. Earmuffs

A. Description: Plain, navy blue earmuffs with black attachment.

B. Correct Wear: Wear earmuff attachment underneath the cap.

417. Gloves (Black, White)

A. Description: Black gloves are made of leather; white gloves are made of authorized fabric. Glove stitching is the same color as the basic glove material.

B. Correct Wear: Wear or carry white gloves when prescribed with formal or dinner dress uniforms. Wear white gloves with full dress uniforms, or if prescribed with other uniforms. Black gloves may be worn with reefers, overcoats, all-weather coats/raincoats, windbreakers, and black jackets unless white gloves are authorized with the uniform over which the garment is worn. Outdoors, black leather gloves are worn, never carried. Remove gloves to shake hands.

418. Reserved

419. **Jacket, Black/Jacket, Windbreaker (Blue, Khaki)**

A. Description:

(1) Jacket, Black - Made of 55/45% polyester/wool with a stand-up knit collar and knit cuffs and bottom. Jacket is single-breasted with a zipper front closure, two inverted slant pockets, and epaulets.

(2) Jacket, Windbreaker (Blue, Khaki) - Made of water repellent polyester/cotton poplin cloth. Jacket is single-breasted with a zipper and a collar button closure. It has a plain collar, two pockets located on side fronts, and epaulets.

B. Correct Wear: Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. Wear the collar tab buttoned back when not in use. May be worn with liner. Wear with metal shoulder grade insignia. See section 12602B(3).

420. **Necktie, Black Four-in-Hand**

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric measuring no more than 3-1/4 inches wide. May be clip-on or hand tied.

B. Correct Wear: Wear hand tied knotted with either a four-in-hand, half windsor or windsor knot. Wear the top of the knot parallel to and slightly above the top of the shirt collar closure, hiding the shirt button. The bottom hangs within 1 inch of the top of the belt buckle. The tie does not cover the belt buckle.

421. **Necktie, Black Bow**

A. Description: Shall be plain style with square ends, not to exceed 2-1/4 inches in vertical width. May be clip-on or hand tied.

B. Correct Wear: Bow tie should cover the top shirt button.

422. **Necktie, White Bow**

A. Description: Shall be plain style with square ends, not to exceed 2-1/4 inches in vertical width.

B. Correct Wear: Bow tie should cover the top shirt button.

423. Overcoat, Blue (Bridge Coat)

A. Description: A double-breasted coat made of blue woolen fabric. May be water repellent treated and fitted with a removable sleeveless liner. Extends one-third the distance from kneecap to ground, shaped at waist, held by a two section half-belt at back with the end of the belt overlapped and fastened with two 40-line gilt buttons. There is a sword slit over the left hip, a vertical slash side pocket on each front, and a single row of five 40-line gilt buttons down each forefront. The top button on each forefront is hidden by the collar. The collar is made so the coat may be buttoned to the neck. There are two loops on each shoulder for hard shoulder boards. Buttons are described in section 12601D.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except the collar button. Collar button may be buttoned in inclement weather. Wear with hard shoulder boards. See section 12602B(1).

424. Overshoes/Rain or Snow Boots

A. Description: Overshoes are black rubber, conventional, low cut style. Rain or snow boots made of plain black vinyl or leather, mid calf to knee high, are also authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Close all fasteners. Wear only during inclement weather with an outer garment and remove indoors.

425. Reefer

A. Description: A double-breasted, hip-length coat made of dark blue authorized fabric with a convertible collar. It has a set-in pocket in each forefront, and a single row of three 40-line buttons on left front, and four on right (one for collar closure). Two loops are required on each shoulder to hold hard shoulder boards. Buttons are described in section 12601D.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except collar button. Collar button may be buttoned in inclement weather. Sleeves are to reach about three-quarters of distance from the wrist to the knuckles when arms hang naturally at the side. Wear with hard shoulder boards. See section 12602B(1).

426. Scarf

A. Description: A plain white scarf made of knitted or woven silk or synthetic fabric.

B. Correct Wear: May be worn under reefers, raincoats or overcoats.

427. Shirt, Khaki Summer

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with short sleeves, two breast pockets with button flaps, and an open collar forming a V-neck.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. The shirt and trouser fabric must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.). Wear with metal collar grade insignia. See section 12602C(2).

428. Shirt, Khaki Working (Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve)

A. Description: Long or short sleeve shirt made of polyester/cotton with two breast pockets with button flaps. The long sleeve shirt has a button closure at the neck. The ~~short~~ sleeve shirt has an open collar forming a V-neck.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except the collar button on the long sleeve shirt. Wear with metal collar grade insignia. See section 12602C.

429. Shirt, White (Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve)

A. Description: Long or short sleeve shirt made of authorized fabric. Sleeves may be long or short with plain buttons, convertible or French cuffs. Short sleeve shirts shall have epaulets; long sleeve shirts may or may not have epaulets. Collar points measure no more than 3-1/4 inches and have a medium spread.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. Long sleeves shall be worn for ceremonies. The coat shall not be removed outside the immediate office space if wearing a shirt without epaulets. Wear soft shoulder boards on shirts with epaulets. See section 12602B(2).

430. Shirt, White Formal Turndown

A. Description: A dress shirt with a turndown collar and a plain stiff or wide pleated soft front.

B. Correct Wear: Wear with all studs, buttons and cuff links fastened. Plain gold shirt studs and cuff links are required with dinner dress jacket uniforms.

431. Shirt, White Formal Wing Collar

A. Description: A stiff-bosomed plain or pique unpleated white dress shirt, with a wing collar.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons and fasten all studs and cuff links. Plain white shirt studs (mother-of-pearl) and cuff links (mother-of-pearl) are required.

432. Shirt, White Summer

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with short sleeves, loops for hard shoulder boards, and an open collar forming a V-neck. Collar points measure no more than 3-1/4 inch and have a medium spread.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. The shirt and trouser fabric must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.). Wear with hard shoulder boards. See section 12602B(1).

433. Shirt, Winter Blue

A. Description: A long-sleeve shirt made of authorized fabric. There are two breast pockets with flaps fastened with 25-line black anchor buttons. Collar points measure no more than 3-1/4 inches and have a medium spread.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. When worn as Winter Working Blue, unbutton the collar button. Wear with metal collar grade insignia. See section 12602C(1).

434. Shoes, Dress (Black, White, Brown)

A. Description: Plain, black, white, or brown, low quarter, laced shoes with no stitching, decoration or seam across the toe. The heel shall be an outside heel 3/4 inch - 7/8 inch high, with a flat sole.

B. Correct Wear: Lace from inside out through all eyelets and tie. Keep well shined and in good repair.

(1) Leather shoes are required for all personnel aboard ship for normal daily operations. Poromeric (e.g. Corfam) shoes may be worn when immediately departing or returning to the ship, or when specifically authorized by the commanding officer for ceremonial or other special occasions. Poromeric shoes ashore remain an individual option except in designated hazardous areas where leather safety shoes are required.

(2) Brown leather shoes and khaki socks are optional for officers assigned to aviation units. Officers with aviation designators, assigned to non-aviation units, may wear brown shoes and khaki socks, as authorized, at the discretion of the unit commander. Commanding officers may direct officers to wear black shoes and socks with Summer Khaki for specific occasions.

435. Shoes, Black Safety

A. Description: Leather shoes, in laced or chukka styles, plain toe with no stitching. Must have a hard box or safety toe and be water resistant.

B. Correct Wear: Lace from inside out through all eyelets and tie. Keep clean and in good repair.

436. Socks (Black, White, Khaki)

A. Description: Made of undecorated, plain or ribbed knitted material. Knee length or mid calf socks are authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Wear right side out.

437. Studs

A. Description: Shall be plain without design or ornamentation. Studs shall be gold colored or mother-of-pearl as required.

B. Correct Wear: Wear fastened on formal wing collar and formal turndown collar shirts.

438. Suspenders, White

A. Description: Shall be plain white without design or ornamentation.

B. Correct Wear: Wear fastened to the top of the trousers. They may be crossed in the back.

439. Sweater, Blue Cardigan

A. Description: A plain single-breasted cardigan-style sweater made of authorized navy blue woolen or synthetic yarn, with a button front closure, long sleeves, wristlets, and V-neck. A pocket on the lower part of one or both foreparts is optional.

B. Correct Wear: Wear only within the immediate office space.

440. Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover**A. Description:**

(1) Navy style: Blue (black in appearance), V-neck pullover sweater, in light or heavy weave, with fabric epaulets, shoulder, and elbow patches. A Velcro-backed, black leather name tag is required on the left breast.

(2) Army style: Black, V-neck pullover sweater, with fabric epaulets, shoulder, and elbow patches. A NOAA plastic name tag shall be worn centered on the fabric patch provided on the right breast when the sweater is worn with Service Dress Blue, Winter Blue, or Summer Khaki. The name tag is optional when the sweater is worn with working uniforms.

B. Correct Wear: The Navy-style sweater is preferred to the Army-style sweater, but the latter may be worn as long as serviceable. The sweater is authorized for travel, in public places, on board ship, and for attending working level meetings/briefings. Shirt collar is worn inside the sweater when a tie is worn and outside the sweater when no tie is worn. Soft shoulder boards shall be worn on the epaulets. See section 12602B(2).

441. Sword

A. Description: The NOAA sword shall have a cut and thrust blade, from 26 inches to 36 inches long, half basket hilt, and fit in a scabbard of plain black grain leather or synthetic material presenting the leather appearance. Both the traditional sword belt and the newer shoulder sword sling are authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Sword length shall be based on the officer's height. The sword shall be worn on the left side. The sword belt or shoulder sword sling shall be worn under the coat so that neither is visible.

442. Tailcoat, Blue Formal

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, conventional cut, shaped to figure, with a double row of three 35-line gilt buttons. Buttons are described in section 12601D. Sleeve insignia shall be worn as described in sections 12601A and 12602A.

B. Correct Wear: Wear held together in front by two buttons and link. This coat may be prescribed for captains and admirals to meet certain unique protocol requirements. Miniature medals and other appurtenances shall conform to those required with Dinner Dress Blue Jacket. Coat hem falls approximately to the hollow behind the knee.

443. Tie Clasp/Tack

A. Description: Shall be gold-colored, plain or decorated with appropriate insignia to which the wearer is entitled. Tie clasp shall be not more than 3/16-inch wide. Tie tack shall be no more than 5/8 inch in diameter.

B. Correct Wear: Wear on the four-in-hand tie, 1 inch below the center of the tie in a horizontal position. The uniform coat should cover it.

444. Reserved

445. Trousers, Blue Dress

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with fore and aft creases, without cuffs. May be either straight legged or slightly flared.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Trousers should cover the top of the shoe by approximately 1 inch at the heel. Fabric of Service Dress Blue trousers must match the Service Dress Blue coat.

446. Trousers, Blue Evening

A. Description: Made high-waisted, without cuffs, belt loops, or back pockets, of the same fabric as the Dinner Dress Blue jacket.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons and close all fasteners. Trousers should cover the top of the shoe by approximately 1 inch at the heel.

447. Trousers, Khaki Summer

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with fore and aft creases, without cuffs. May be straight legged or slightly flared.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Trousers should cover the top of the shoe by approximately 1 inch at the heel. The shirt and trousers fabric must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.).

448. Trousers, Khaki Working

A. Description: Made of polyester/cotton fabric, with fore and aft creases, without cuffs. May be either straight legged or flared.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Trousers should cover the top of the shoe by approximately 1 inch at the heel.

449. Trousers, Khaki Short

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with two side and two back pockets.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Hem is 2 inches above crease behind the knee.

450. Trousers, White Long

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with fore and aft creases, without cuffs. May be either straight legged or slightly flared.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Trousers should cover the top of the shoe by approximately 1 inch at the heel. Made of the same fabric as the coat when worn with Service Dress White, and of the same fabric as the shirt when worn with Summer White.

451. Trousers, White Short

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with two side and two back pockets.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Hem is 2 inches above crease behind the knee.

452. Umbrella, Black

A. Description: Plain, solid black, without design or ornamentation.

B. Correct Wear: May be carried when weather conditions warrant, provided safety regulations or practices are not violated. The umbrella will be carried in the left hand to permit saluting. The umbrella will not be used as a cane or walking stick.

453. Undershirt, White

A. Description: Made of white cotton or polyester/cotton. May be sleeveless and have a crew or V-neck.

B. Correct Wear: Wear right side out, front of shirt to front of body. V-neck style is worn with open collar shirts, except crew neck shirts must be worn in areas where industrial fire hazards exist.

454. Undershorts

A. Description: White boxer shorts or knitted brief style when worn with white uniforms. Color is optional with other uniforms.

B. Correct Wear: Wear right side out.

455. Vest

A. Description: Made in standard vest design of authorized blue fabric with six 22-1/2-line gilt buttons down the front. Buttons are described in section 12601D.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. Worn with a shirt without epaulets only. Wear with dress coat outside the immediate office space.

456. Waistcoat

A. Description: Made of white, conservatively-woven pique or other suitable material, with set-in lapel of same fabric, single-breasted with a welt pocket in each front section. Three 22-1/2-line gilt buttons on right front. Buttons are described in section 12601D.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons.

PROTECTIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING**490. Boots, Pilot's, Black Leather**

- A. Description: Laced leather boots with steel toes.
- B. Correct Wear: Lace through all eyelets and tie. Keep clean and in good repair.

491. Cap, Knit Watch

- A. Description: Made of navy blue wool, closely knitted, bell-shaped, pullover style, 11- to 12- inches long, 8-1/4-inches wide at bottom with 5/8-inch border.
- B. Correct Wear: Wear squarely on the head, double-folded approximately 2-1/2 to 3 inches, with the bottom parallel to and 1-1/2 inches above the eyebrows.

492. Coveralls, Dark Blue

- A. Description: Full-length coveralls of dark blue fabric.
- B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except a collar button, and close all fasteners. Two patches may be worn: a NOAA Corps patch centered on the left breast; a second patch of the individual's choice, acceptable to the command, may be worn on the left sleeve just below the shoulder. American and State flags may not be worn. A NOAA plastic or cloth name tag over the right breast pocket is optional. Metal or embroidered collar grade insignia shall be worn on the collar points in the manner prescribed for an open-collared shirt. See section 12602C(2).

493. Flying Suit, NOMEX, Blue (CWU-73/P)

- A. Description: Full-length flight coveralls of high-temperature resistant, blue NOMEX with two zippered chest pockets, two zippered thigh pockets, two zippered leg pockets, and zippered sleeve pocket.
- B. Correct Wear: Fasten all fasteners. Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. Two patches are required: a NOAA Corps patch or NOAA patch on the right breast over the pocket, and an Aircraft Operations Center (AOC) patch on the right sleeve just below the shoulder. A leather name tag is worn on the left breast. See section 12609A(2). Wear with metal or embroidered shoulder grade insignia. See sections 12602B(3) and 12602B(4). If metal insignia are worn, they shall be covered by plastic.

494. Gloves, Flyer's, NOMEX, Sage Green (GS/FRP-2)

- A. Description: Knit, fire-resistant NOMEX backs with leather palms.
- B. Correct Wear: Wear during flight operations.

495. Glove Shells, Flyer's, Leather (HAU-6/P)

- A. Description: Made of dark brown leather.
- B. Correct Wear: Wear over NOMEX flyer's gloves to provide additional warmth and protection.

496. Jacket, Brown Leather (USAF A-2)

- A. Description: Made of brown leather, with zipper closure, snap front pockets, collar snaps, knit cuffs and bottom, and epaulets. The jacket is fully lined.
- B. Correct Wear: Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. A leather name tag is worn on the left breast. See section 12609A(2).

497. Jacket, NOMEX, Green (CWU-36/P and CWU-45/P)

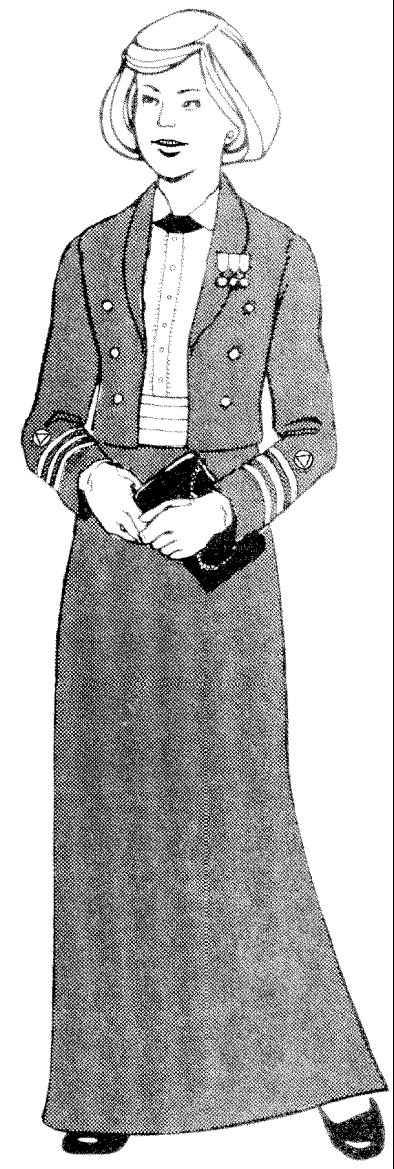
- A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with zipper closure, one large pouch pocket on each front, wind flap and zippered pencil holder/pocket on left sleeve, and knit cuffs and bottom.
- B. Correct Wear: Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. A leather name tag is worn on the left breast. See section 12609A(2).

498. Jacket, Working (Blue, Green) (A-2)

- A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with zipper closure, breast pockets with zippers or snaps, side pockets, knitted wristlets, and a pointed collar. The jacket is fully lined.
- B. **Correct Wear**: Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. A cloth name tag worn on the right breast is optional. See section 12609A(3).

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**12501 FORMAL DRESS**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress	512
Shirt, White Dress	534
Skirt, Blue Formal	541
Cummerbund, Gold	516
Necktie, Black Dress	526
Gloves, White	519
Shoes, Black Formal	537
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Medals, Miniature	12606

Optional Items

Overcoat, Blue	527
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Cape (Gold Lining)	509
Cap, Combination, White (required with outer garment only)	506
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Overshoes	528
Tiara	561
Earrings, Pearl	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black Dress	522
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Formal Dress is worn to official formal evening functions when civilian men normally wear evening clothes (white tie).

**12502 DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress	512
Shirt, White Dress	534
Skirt, Blue Unbelted	542
Cummerbund, Gold	516
Necktie, Black Dress	526
Shoes, Black Formal	537
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Medals, Miniature	12606

Optional Items

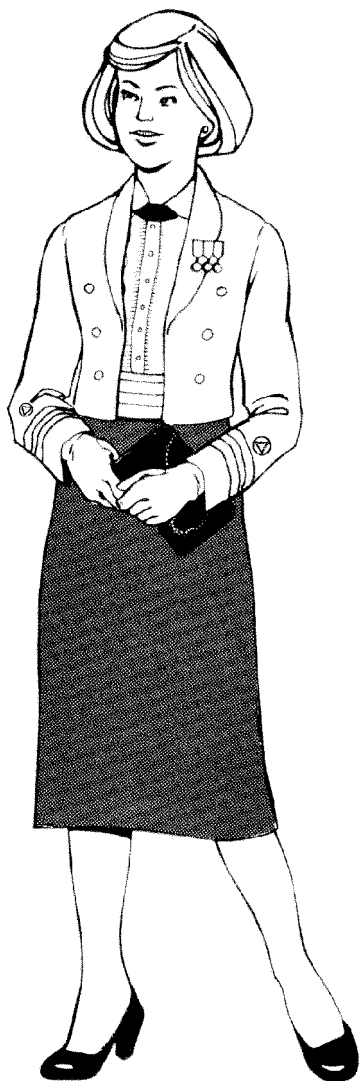
Overcoat, Blue	527
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Cape, (Gold Lining)	509
Cap, Combination, White (required with outer garment only)	506
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Gloves, White*	519
Overshoes	528
Skirt, Blue Formal	541
Tiara	561
Earrings, Pearl	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black Dress	522
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Dinner Dress Blue Jacket is worn to official functions when civilian men normally wear black tie. This is a prescribable winter uniform for lieutenant commanders and above, optional for lieutenants and below.

12503 DINNER DRESS WHITE JACKET



Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, White Jacket, Dinner Dress	514
Shirt, White Dress	534
Skirt, Blue Unbelted	542
Cummerbund, Gold	516
Necktie, Black Dress	526
Shoes, Black Formal	537
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Medals, Miniature	12606

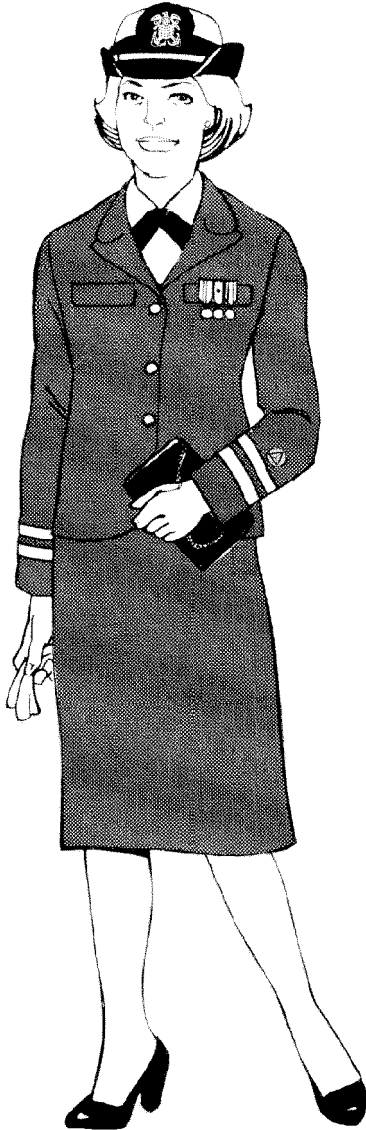
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Cap, Combination, White (required with outer garment only)	506
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Gloves, White*	519
Overshoes	528
Skirt, Blue Formal	541
Tiara	561
Earrings, Pearl	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black Dress	522
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Dinner Dress White Jacket is worn to official functions when civilian men normally wear black tie. This is a prescribable summer uniform for lieutenant commanders and above, optional for lieutenants and below.

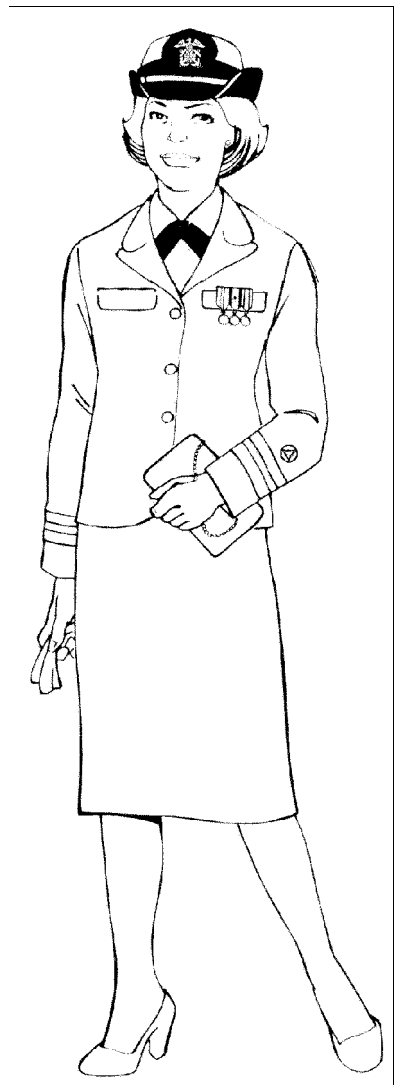
**12504 DINNER DRESS BLUE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue, Service Dress	513
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve	533
Skirt, Blue Unbelted	542
Necktie, Black	525
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, Black Dress	536
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Medals, Miniature	12606
Optional Items	
Overcoat, Blue	527
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Gloves, White*	519
Overshoes	528
Shirt, White Dress	534
Skirt, Blue Formal	541
Shoes, Black Formal	537
Earrings, Pearl	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black Dress	522
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Dinner Dress Blue is worn to official, semiformal functions when civilian men normally wear dinner jackets or conservative business suits. This is a prescribable winter uniform. Lieutenants and below may wear this uniform in lieu of Dinner Dress Blue Jacket.

12505 DINNER DRESS WHITE**Required Basic Uniform Items** **Reference**

Coat, White, Service Dress	515
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve	533
Skirt, White Unbelted	546
Necktie, Black	525
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, White Dress	536
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Medals, Miniature	12606

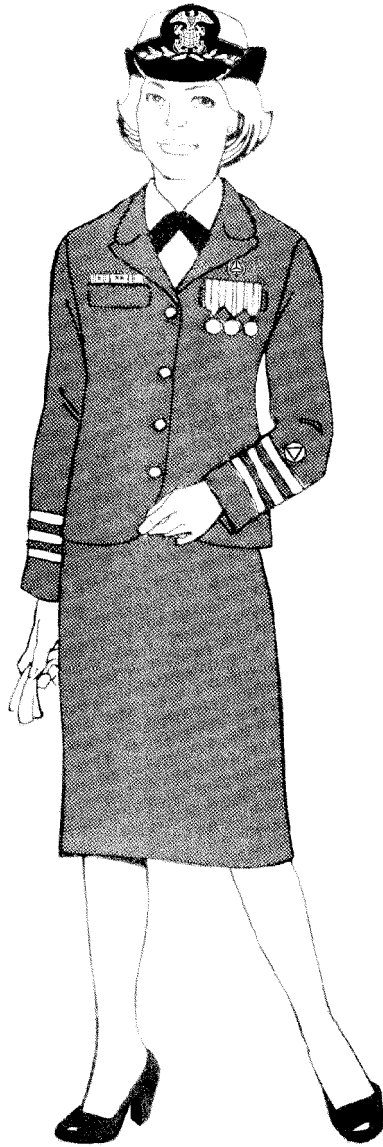
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Gloves, White*	519
Overshoes	528
Shirt, White Dress	534
Earrings, Pearl	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, White Dress	522
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Dinner Dress White is worn to official, semiformal functions when civilian men normally wear summer dinner jackets or lightweight conservative business suits. This is a prescribable summer uniform. Lieutenants and below may wear this uniform in lieu of Dinner Dress White Jacket.

**12506 FULL DRESS BLUE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue, Service Dress	513
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve	533
Skirt, Blue Unbelted	542
Necktie, Black	525
Gloves, White	519
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, Black Dress	536
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Medals, Large	12605
Ribbon Bars	12607

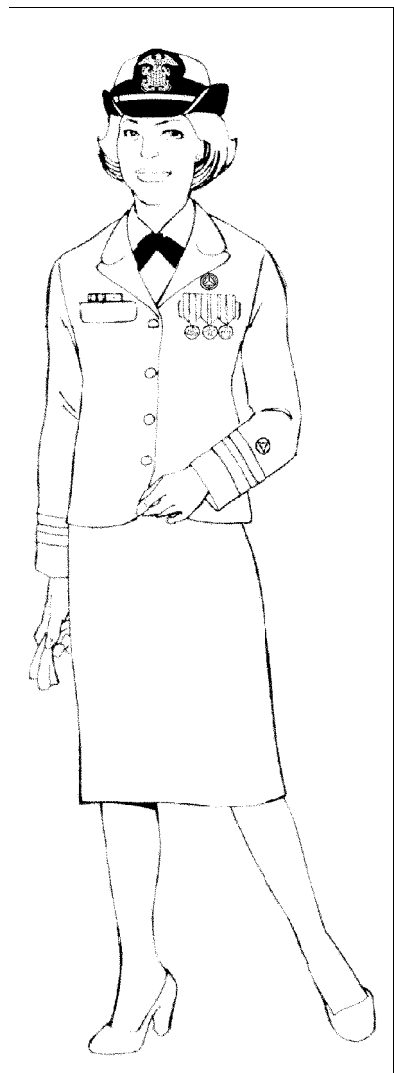
Optional Items

Overcoat, Blue	527
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Overshoes	528
Slacks, Blue Unbelted (with sword only)	549
Shoes, Black Service (required with slacks)	539
Socks, Black (with black service shoes only)	557
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black	521
Sword	560
Command Insignia, Large	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Full Dress Blue is worn on formal occasions such as assuming or relinquishing command, or participating in the ceremony; ceremonial visits to foreign men-of-war and foreign officials; and occasions of state, ceremonies, and solemnities.

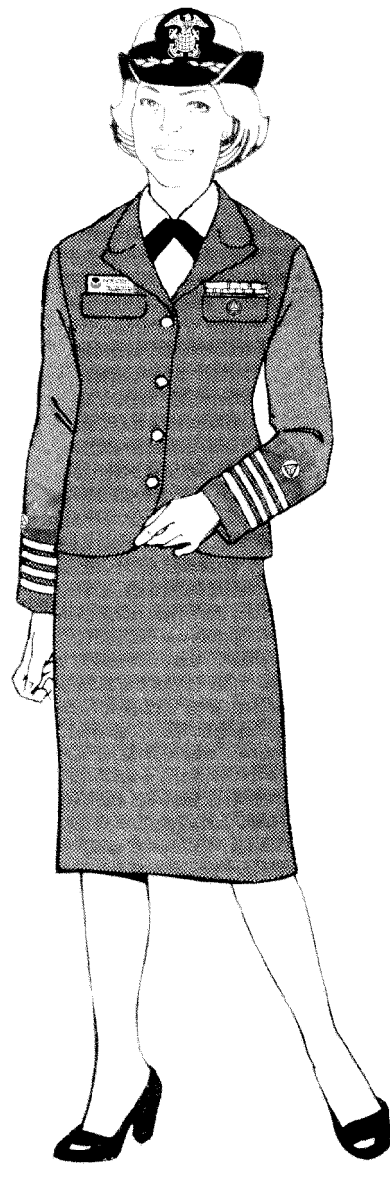
12507 FULL DRESS WHITE

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, White, Service Dress	515
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve	533
Skirt, White Unbelted	546
Necktie, Black	525
Gloves, White	519
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, White Dress	536
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Medals, Large	12605
Ribbon Bars	12607
Optional Items	
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Overshoes	528
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve	533
Slacks, White Unbelted (with sword only)	555
Shoes, White Service (required with slacks)	539
Socks, White (with white service shoes only)	557
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, White	521
Sword	560
Command Insignia, Large	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Full Dress White is worn on formal occasions such as assuming or relinquishing command, or participating in the ceremony; ceremonial visits to foreign men-of-war and foreign officials; and occasions of state, ceremonies, and solemnities.

**12508 SERVICE DRESS BLUE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, Blue, Service Dress	513
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve	533
Skirt, Blue Unbelted	542
Necktie, Black	525
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, Black Dress	536
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Name Tag	12609 A
Optional Items	
Overcoat, Blue	527
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Reefer	529
Jacket, Black	524
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue	524
Cap, Garrison, Blue (with pullover sweater or jacket only)	508
Beret	503
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	517
Gloves, Black (White* for funerals)	519
Overshoes	528
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	558
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	559
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve	533
Slacks, Blue Unbelted*	549
Shoes, Black Service*	539
Socks, Black* (with black service shoes only)	557
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black	521
Handbag, Black Dress	522
Shoulder Boards (Soft) (required on shirts with epaulets)	12602 B
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Service Dress Blue is standard office attire and may be prescribed for year-round wear to official functions when civilian men's equivalent dress is coat and tie.

12509 SERVICE DRESS WHITE



Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coat, White Service Dress	515
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve	533
Skirt, White Unbelted	546
Necktie, Black	525
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, White Dress	536
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Name Tag	12609 A

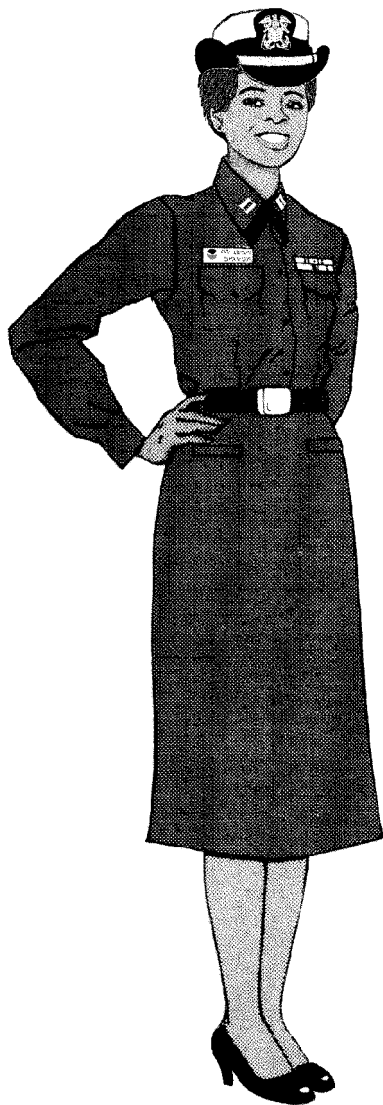
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Beret	503
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	517
Gloves, White*	519
Overshoes	528
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve	533
Slacks, White Unbelted*	555
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Earrings, Gold Ball	518
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Handbag, White	521
Handbag, White Dress	522
Shoulder Boards (Soft) (required on shirts with epaulets)	12602 B
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Service Dress White may be prescribed for summer wear when civilian men's equivalent is coat and tie.

**12510 WINTER BLUE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, Winter Blue	535
Skirt, Blue Belted	540
Belt, Black with Gold Clip	502
Buckle, Gold	505
Necktie, Black	525
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, Black Dress	536
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C
Name Tag	12609 A

Optional Items

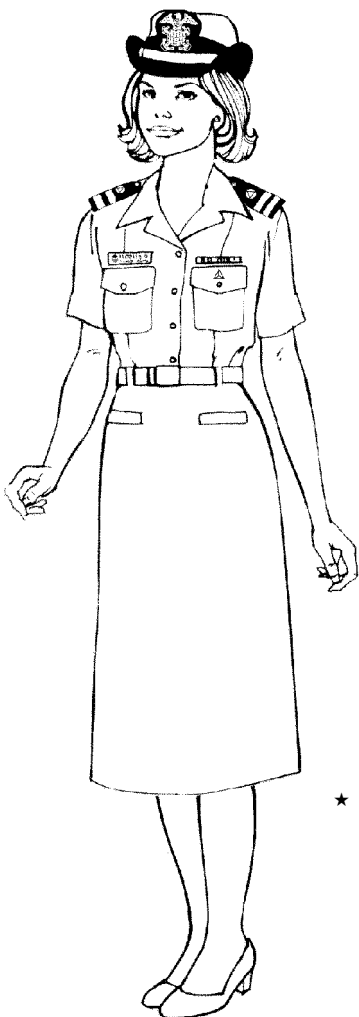
Overcoat, Blue	527
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Reefer	529
Jacket, Black	524
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue	524
Jacket, Brown Leather (aviators only)	596
Cap, Garrison, Blue*	508
Beret	503
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	517
Overshoes	528
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	558
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	559
Slacks, Blue Belted*	548
Shoes, Black Service*	539
Socks, Black*	
(with black service shoes only)	557
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black	521
Handbag, Black Dress	522
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Winter Blue is normally worn in winter for office work, watch standing, liberty, or business ashore when prescribed as Uniform of the Day.

12511 SUMMER WHITE



Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve	533
Skirt, White Belted	545
Belt, White, with Gold Clip	502
Buckle, Gold	505
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, White Dress	536
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Shoulder Boards (Soft)	12602 B
Name Tag	12609 A

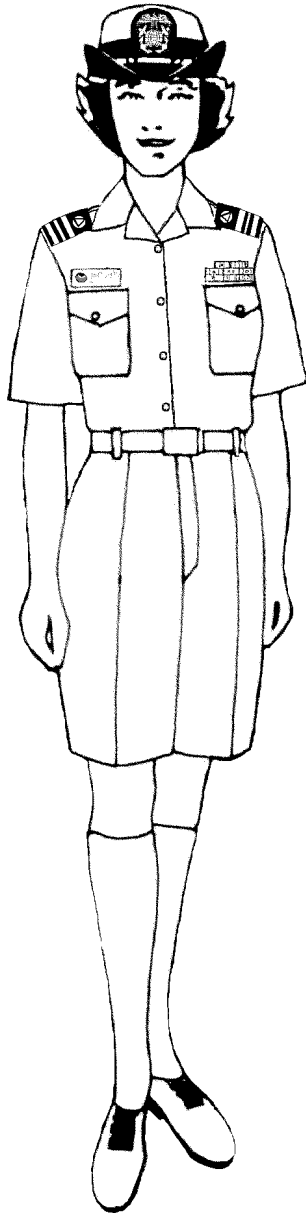
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Reefer	529
Jacket, Black	524
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue	524
Beret	503
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	517
Overshoes	528
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	558
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	559
Slacks, White Belted*	553
Shoes, White Service*	539
Socks, White*	
(with white service shoes only)	557
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, White	521
Handbag, White Dress	522
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Summer White is normally worn in summer for office work, watch standing, liberty, or business ashore when prescribed as Uniform of the Day.

**12512 TROPICAL WHITE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, White Short Sleeve	533
Slacks, White Short	554
Belt, White, with Gold Clip	502
Buckle, Gold	505
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, White Service	539
Socks, White, Knee Length	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Shoulder Boards (Soft)	12602 B
Name Tag	12609 A

Optional Items

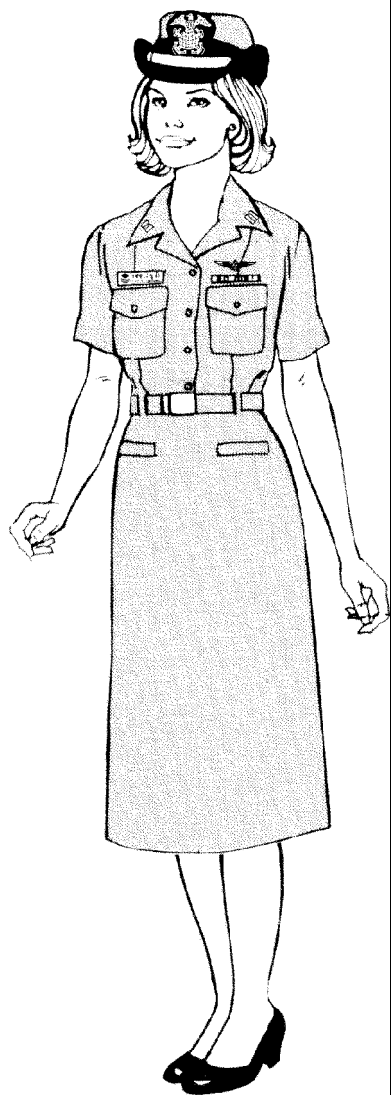
All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Beret	503
Overshoes	528
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, White	521
Handbag, White Dress	522
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Tropical White is normally worn for office work, watch standing, liberty, or business ashore in tropical climates when prescribed as Uniform of the Day.

★ 12513 SERVICE KHAKE



Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, Khaki Summer	531
Skirt, Khaki Summer	543
Belt, Khaki, with Gold Clip	502
Buckle, Gold	505
Cap, Combination, Khaki	506
Shoes, Black Dress	536
Hosiery	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Slip	556
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C
Name Tag	12609 A

Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Reefer	529
Jacket, Black	524
Jacket, Windbreaker, Khaki	524
Jacket, Brown Leather (aviators only)	596
Cap, Garrison, Khaki*	508
Beret	503
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	517
Overshoes	528
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	558
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	559
Slacks, Khaki Summer*	551
Shoes, Black Service*	539
Shoes, Brown Dress (aviators only)	536
Shoes, Brown Service (aviators only)	539
Socks, Black*	
(with black service shoes only)	557
Socks, Khaki	
(with brown service shoes only)	557
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black	521
Handbag, Black Dress	522
Handbag, Brown (with brown shoes only)	521
Ribbon Bars	12607
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Service Khaki is normally worn for office work, watch standing, liberty, or business ashore when prescribed as Uniform of the Day.

12514 WINTER WORKING BLUE**Required Basic Uniform Items Reference**

Shirt, Winter Blue	535
Slacks, Blue Belted	548
Belt, Black, with Gold Clip	502
Buckle, Gold	505
Cap, Combination, White	506
Shoes, Black Service	539
Socks, Black	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C

Optional Items

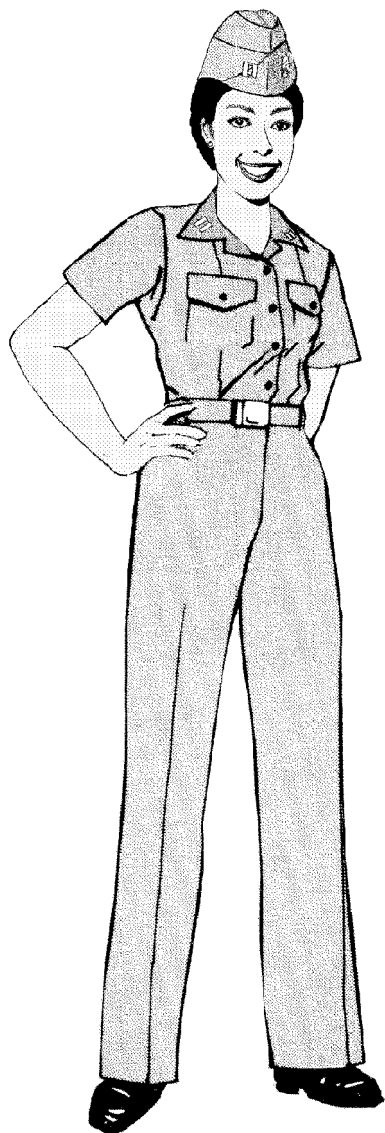
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Reefer	529
Jacket, Black	524
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue	524
Jacket, Brown Leather (aviators only)	596
Cap, Garrison, Blue*	508
Cap, Command Ball	507
Beret	503
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	517
Overshoes	528
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	558
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	559
Shoes, Black Safety*	538
Undershirt, White, V-neck*	564
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black	521
Name Tag	12609 A
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Winter Working Blue is worn when other uniforms would be unsafe or become unduly soiled. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.



12515 WORKING KHAKI**Required Basic Uniform Items Reference**

Shirt, Khaki Working, Short Sleeve	532
Slacks, Khaki Working	552
Belt, Khaki with Gold Clip	502
Buckle, Gold	505
Cap, Combination, Khaki	506
Shoes, Black Service	539
Socks, Black	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C

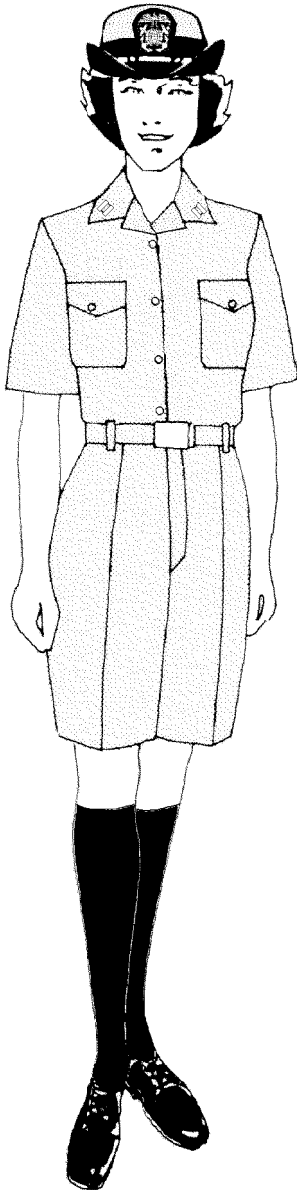
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Reefer	529
Jacket, Black	524
Jacket, Windbreaker, Khaki	524
Jacket, Brown Leather (aviators only)	596
Cap, Garrison, Khaki*	508
Cap, Command Ball	507
Beret	503
Scarf (with outer garment only)	530
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	517
Overshoes	528
Sweater, Blue Cardigan	558
Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover	559
Shirt, Khaki Working, Long Sleeve*	532
Shoes, Black Safety*	538
Shoes, Brown Service (aviators only)	539
Socks, Khaki	
(with brown service shoes only)	557
Undershirt, White, V-neck*	564
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black	521
Handbag, Brown (with brown shoes only)	521
Name Tag	12609 A
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Working Khaki is worn when other uniforms would be unsafe or become unduly soiled. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.

**12516 TROPICAL KHAKE**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Shirt, Khaki Working, Short Sleeve	532
Slacks, Khaki Short	550
Belt, Khaki with Gold Clip	502
Buckle, Gold	505
Cap, Combination, Khaki	506
Shoes, Black Service	539
Socks, Black Knee Length	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal	12602 C

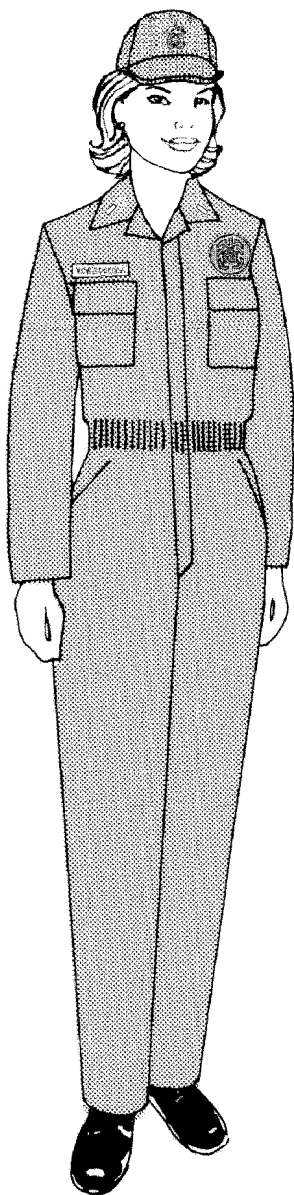
Optional Items

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Cap, Garrison, Khaki*	508
Cap, Command Ball	507
Beret	503
Overshoes	528
Shoes, Black Safety*	538
Undershirt, White, V-neck*	564
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Handbag, Black	521
Name Tag	12609 A
Command Insignia, Miniature	12603
Qualification Insignia	12604

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Tropical Khaki is a working uniform worn when Tropical White would become unduly soiled and safety is not a factor. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.

**12517 WORKING COVERALLS**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Coveralls, Dark Blue	592
Cap, Command Ball	507
Shoes, Black Service	539
Socks, Black	557
Brassiere	504
Underpants	563
Collar Grade Insignia, Metal/Embroidered	12602 C, D

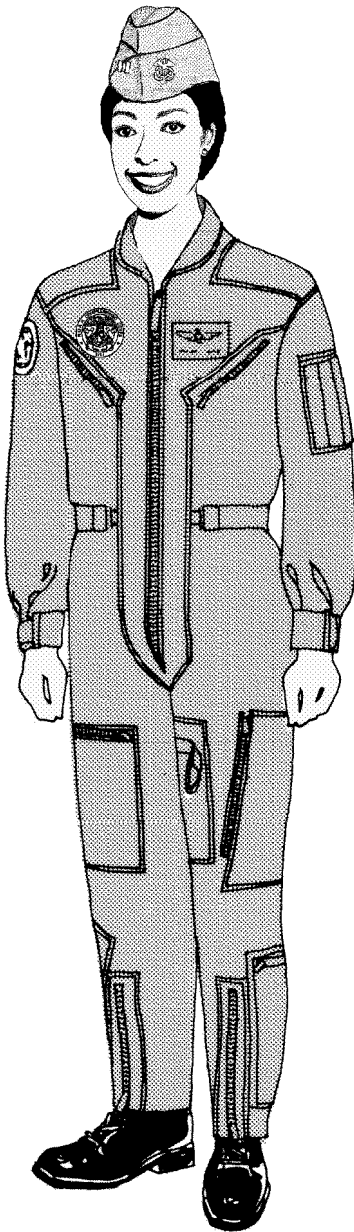
Optional Items

All Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue*	501
Reefer	529
Jacket, Black	524
Jacket, Windbreaker, Blue	524
Cap, Garrison, Blue	508
Hard Hat*	
Earmuffs (with outer garment only)	517
Overshoes	528
Shoes, Black Safety*	538
Undershirt, White*	564
Earrings, Gold Ball	518
Umbrella, Black	562
Name Tag, Plastic/Cloth	12609 A
Patch, NOAA Corps	

* Prescribable Items

Occasions for Wear

Working Coveralls are intended for wear under those conditions in a field environment so rigorous as to unduly soil or ruin a standard working uniform. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.

**12518 AVIATION COVERALLS**

Required Basic Uniform Items	Reference
Flying Suit, NOMEX, Blue	593
Gloves, Flyer's, NOMEX, Sage Green	594
Cap, Command Ball	507
Boots, Pilot's, Black Leather	590
Socks	
Brassiere	504
Undershirt	
Underpants	563
Shoulder Grade Insignia, Metal/Embroidered	12602 B
Name Tag, Leather	12609 A
Patch, NOAA Corps	
Patch, AOC	

Optional Items

Jacket, NOMEX, Green	597
Jacket, Brown Leather	596
Glove Shells, Flyer's, Leather	595
Cap, Garrison, Khaki	508
Earrings, Gold Ball	518

Occasions for Wear

Aviation Coveralls are a working uniform intended for wear by NOAA flight crews. Uniform headgear will not be worn in the vicinity of aircraft. Other footwear appropriate to the mission, may be authorized. Working uniforms are not authorized for public interaction.

DESCRIPTION AND CORRECT WEAR OF FEMALE UNIFORM ITEMS

501. All-Weather Coat/Raincoat, Blue

A. Description: A single-breasted, beltless, water repellent coat made of navy blue (black in appearance), 65%/35% polyester/cotton poplin fabric. It has epaulets, tabs on cuffs, and a zip-out lining. Plastic and poplin unlined raincoats may be worn as long as serviceable.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except the collar button. Collar button may be buttoned in inclement weather. When wearing the all-weather coat/raincoat, the clear plastic combination cap rain cover may be worn. Wear coat with metal shoulder grade insignia. See section 12602B(3).

502. Belt with Gold Clip (Black, White, Khaki)

A. Description: Plain cloth or webbing, same color as uniform, 1-inch wide and fitted with gold-colored clip.

B. Correct Wear: Wear the belt through all loops with clip to the RIGHT of the buckle. Certified Navy Twill (CNT) belts are required with CNT uniforms.

503. Beret

A. Description: A black, semirigid, feminine-style beret.

B. Correct Wear: Wear the beret toward the front of the head, approximately 3/4 inch above the forehead hairline, and tilted slightly to the right. Align miniature cap device above the left eye. See section 12601C(3).

504. Brassiere

A. Description: Shall be white or flesh color when worn with white shirts, otherwise, color is optional.

B. Correct Wear: Wear right side out with all fasteners secured.

505. Buckle, Gold

A. Description: The prescribed buckle is plain and gold colored. A larger silver-colored buckle decorated with the appropriate design of the officer's present command (i.e., ship) may be authorized. Silver-colored buckles, plain or decorated, of the same size as the plain gold-colored belt buckle, are not authorized.

B. Correct Wear:

(1) Wear the plain gold-colored buckle so the belt clip end touches the right side of the buckle. Align the left side of the buckle with the opening of the shirt and, if applicable, the front zipper opening of the skirt or slacks, forming a straight "gig" line. A plain belt buckle is required for ceremonial functions.

(2) When authorized, a decorated silver-colored buckle larger than the plain gold-colored buckle may be worn with the belt, gold-colored clip end concealed by the buckle and the buckle centered.

506. Cap, Combination (White, Khaki)

A. Description: A navy blue, military-style cap with detachable white or khaki cap cover. For hat band ornamentation and cap insignia see section 12601B.

B. Correct Wear: Wear squarely on the head, with the bottom edge parallel to and 1-1/2 inches above the eyebrows. No hair shall show under the front brim of the cap. When wearing a raincoat, the clear plastic combination cap rain cover may be worn.

507. Cap, Command Ball

A. Description: Made in conventional baseball cap style of standard blue wool or synthetic fabric or a blend. The cap may bear command logos in good taste. The command name and/or designation may be embroidered or sewn in block letters centered on the front. The individual's name may be centered on the back of the cap in sewn or embroidered letters. Lettering may be in traditional command colors. Visor ornamentation, appropriate to the wearer's grade, is authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Wear squarely on the head, with the bottom edge parallel to and 1-1/2 inch above the eyebrows. The command ball cap may be worn with any working uniform, anywhere within the confines of the station if authorized by the prescribing authority. A miniature cap device is worn in accordance with section 12601C(2). The cap may be worn with civilian clothing on or off station without insignia.

508. Cap, Garrison (Blue, Khaki)

A. Description: A plain, flat, folded, contoured, fore and aft cap made of navy blue or khaki fabric matching the uniform with which it is worn.

B. Correct Wear: Wear squarely on the head, with the fore and aft crease centered vertically between the eyebrows and the lowest point approximately 1 inch above the eyebrows. No hair shall show under the front of the cap. Wear with miniature cap device and metal collar grade insignia. See section 12601C(1). Optional wear of men's style garrison cap is authorized.

509. Cape (Gold Lining)

A. Description: Made of navy blue woolen fabric, fully lined with gold cloth, with a velvet collar.

B. Correct Wear: Wear closed at the neck with hooks and eyes, and at the breast with frogs.

510. Reserved

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512. Coat, Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress

A. Description: A single-breasted, Eton-style jacket made of authorized fabric, with long sleeves and a narrow shawl collar of the same fabric as the jacket. There are three 22-1/2-line gilt buttons down each front. Buttons are described in section 12601D. Sleeve insignia shall be worn as described in sections 12601A and 12602A.

B. Correct Wear: Wear open.

513. Coat, Blue, Service Dress

A. Description: A single-breasted coat made of authorized fabric, with two breast pocket flaps, and a sword slit over the left hip. Coats without sword slits may be worn as long as serviceable. There are four 35-line gilt buttons on the left front. Buttons are described in section 12601D. Sleeve insignia shall be worn as described in sections 12601A and 12602A.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. Coat may be removed in immediate office space only. The coat need not be worn indoors in non-public areas. Commanding officers should specify areas within the command where coats are required.

514. Coat, White Jacket, Dinner Dress

A. Description: A single-breasted, Eton-style jacket made of authorized fabric, with long sleeves and a narrow shawl collar of the same fabric as the jacket. There are three 22-1/2-line gilt buttons down each front. Buttons are described in section 12601D. Sleeve insignia shall be worn as described in sections 12601A and 12602A.

B. Correct Wear: Wear open.

515. Coat, White, Service Dress

A. Description: A single-breasted coat made of authorized fabric, with two breast pocket flaps, and four 35-line gilt buttons on the left front. Buttons are described in section 12601D. Sleeve insignia shall be worn as described in sections 12601A and 12602A.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. Coat may be removed in immediate office space only. The coat need not be worn indoors in non-public areas. Commanding officers should specify areas within the command where coats are required.

516. Cummerbund, Gold

A. Description: Plain, gold-colored, pleated, to fasten in the back. Adjustable cummerbunds are authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Wear with pleats up, around the waist overlapping the skirt top at least 1 inch.

517. Earmuffs

A. Description: Plain, navy blue earmuffs with black attachment.

B. Correct Wear: Wear earmuff attachment underneath the cap.

518. Earrings (Gold Ball, Pearl)

A. Description: Gold-colored earrings are 6mm ball (approximately 1/4 inch), plain with brushed or matte finish, screw-on or post type. Pearl earrings have a single small white pearl.

B. Correct Wear: Pearl earrings may be worn with Dinner Dress or Formal uniforms, gold ball earrings may be worn with all other uniforms. Only one earring may be worn per ear, centered on the earlobe.

519. Gloves (Black, White)

A. Description: Black gloves are made of leather; white gloves are made of authorized fabric. Glove stitching is the same color as the basic glove material.

B. Correct Wear: Wear or carry white gloves when prescribed with formal or dinner dress uniforms. Wear white gloves with full dress uniforms, or if prescribed with other uniforms. Black gloves may be worn with reefers, overcoats, all-weather coats/raincoats, windbreakers, and black jackets unless white gloves are authorized with the uniform over which the garment is worn. Outdoors, black leather gloves are worn, never carried. Remove gloves to shake hands.

520. Reserved**521. Handbags (Black, White, Brown)**

A. Description: A plain black, white, or brown leather or synthetic material, envelope-style handbag, of semi-rigid construction approximately 10-1/4 inches wide, 7-1/4 inches high, 3-1/2 inches deep, with three separate inside compartments and 1 inch adjustable shoulder strap. The bag has an outside lined pocket and is closed by means of a twist lock and flap plate. Color of handbag will match color of shoes worn.

B. Correct Wear: Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.

522. Handbags, Dress (Black, White)

A. Description: A small clutch type black or white handbag. A collapsible inside handle is optional.

B. Correct Wear: May be carried with formal dress, dinner dress, or service uniforms.

523. Reserved**524. Jacket, Black/Jacket, Windbreaker (Blue, Khaki)**

A. Description:

(1) Jacket, Black - Made of 55/45% polyester/wool with a stand-up knit collar and knit cuffs and bottom. Jacket is single-breasted with a zipper front closure, two inverted slant pockets, and epaulets.

(2) Jacket, Windbreaker (Blue, Khaki) - Made of water repellent polyester/cotton poplin cloth. Jacket is single-breasted with a zipper and a collar button closure. It has a plain collar, two pockets located on side fronts, and epaulets.

B. Correct Wear: Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. Wear the collar tab buttoned back when not in use. May be worn with liner. Wear with metal shoulder grade insignia. See section 12602B(3).

525. Necktie, Black

A. Description: An adjustable black, one-piece necktab, made of authorized fabric, which snaps in front, left end over right.

B. Correct Wear: The necktab's outer edges should be parallel to the outer edges of the collar. An equal amount of necktab should show on each side of the collar. Wear parallel to and slightly above the top of the shirt collar closure, hiding the top button.

526. Necktie, Black Dress

A. Description: A small, crescent-shaped, black velvet ribbon tapering to each edge from 1-inch width at center.

B. Correct Wear: Wear under the collar with the front slightly above the top of the shirt.

527. Overcoat, Blue (Bridge Coat)

A. Description: A double-breasted coat made of blue woolen fabric. May be water repellent treated and fitted with a removable sleeveless liner. Extends one-third the distance from kneecap to ground, shaped at waist, held by a two section half-belt at back with the end of the belt overlapped and fastened with two 40-line gilt buttons. There is a sword slit over the left hip, a vertical slash side pocket on each front, and a single row of four 40-line gilt buttons on each forefront. The top button on each forefront is hidden by the collar. The collar is made so the coat may be buttoned to the neck. There are two loops on each shoulder for hard shoulder boards. Buttons are described in section 12601D.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except the collar button. Collar button may be buttoned in inclement weather. Wear with hard shoulder boards. See section 12602B(1).

528. Overshoes/Rain or Snow Boots

A. Description: Overshoes are black rubber, conventional, low-cut style. Rain or snow boots made of plain black vinyl or leather, mid calf to knee high, are also authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Close all fasteners. Wear only during inclement weather with an outer garment and remove indoors.

529. Reefer

A. Description: A double-breasted, hip-length coat made of dark blue authorized fabric with a convertible collar. It has a set-in pocket in each forefront, and a single row of three 40-line buttons on right front, and four on left (one for collar closure). Two loops are required on each shoulder to hold hard shoulder boards. Buttons are described in section 12601D.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except collar button. Collar button may be buttoned in inclement weather. Sleeves are to reach about three-quarters of distance from the wrist to the knuckles when arms hang naturally at the side. Wear with hard shoulder boards. See section 12602B(1).

530. Scarf

A. Description: A plain white scarf made of knitted or woven silk or synthetic fabric.

B. Correct Wear: May be worn under reefers, raincoats or overcoats.

531. Shirt, Khaki Summer

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with short sleeves, two breast pockets with button flaps, and an open collar forming a V-neck.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. The shirt and slacks/skirt fabric must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.). Wear with metal collar grade insignia. See section 12602C(2).

532. Shirt, Khaki Working (Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve)

A. Description: Long or short sleeve shirt made of polyester/cotton with two breast pockets with button flaps. The long sleeve shirt has a button closure at the neck. The short sleeve shirt has an open collar forming a V-neck.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except the collar button on the long sleeve shirt. Wear with metal collar grade insignia. See section 12602C.

533. Shirt, White (Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve)

A. Description: Long or short sleeve shirt made of authorized fabric. The shirt has epaulets, two breast pockets with button flaps and collar points measuring no more than 3-1/4 inches with a medium spread.

B. Correct Wear: The top button is buttoned when wearing a tie. The short sleeve shirt and Summer White skirt/slacks fabric must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.). Soft shoulder boards must be worn on the epaulets if the coat is removed. See section 12602B(2).

534. Shirt, White Dress

A. Description: Made of polyester/cotton fabric with small pleated ruffles down front, pearl buttons, and short sleeves. It has a plain, rounded turndown collar.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons.

535. Shirt, Winter Blue

A. Description: A long-sleeve shirt made of authorized fabric. There are two breast pockets with flaps fastened with 25-line black anchor buttons. Collar points measure no more than 3-1/4 inches and have a medium spread.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. When worn as Winter Working Blue, unbutton the collar button. Wear with metal collar grade insignia. See section 12602C(1).

536. Shoes, Dress (Black, White, Brown)

A. Description: Plain black, white, or brown dress pumps made of smooth leather or synthetic leather, with closed heels and toes. The heel shall be no higher than 2-5/8 inches nor less than 5/8 inch measured from the forward edge, and no wider than 1-3/4 inches at the base. Sole shall be no thicker than 1/4 inch. Wedge heels are not authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Keep clean, polished, and in good repair. Brown dress pumps are optional for officers assigned to aviation units. Officers with aviation designators, assigned to non-aviation units, may wear brown pumps, as authorized, at the discretion of the unit commander. Commanding officers may direct officers to wear black pumps with Summer Khaki for specific occasions.

537. Shoes, Black Formal

A. Description: Plain black pumps with closed heels and toes, of suede, silk, or peau de soie, meeting the same heel requirements as the black dress shoes.

B. Correct Wear: Keep clean and in good repair.

538. Shoes, Black Safety

A. Description: Leather shoes, in laced or chukka styles, plain toe with no stitching. Must have a hard box or safety toe and be water resistant.

B. Correct Wear: Lace from inside out through all eyelets and tie. Keep clean and in good repair.

539. Shoes, Service (Black, White, Brown)

A. Description: Black, white, or brown laced leather or synthetic oxfords with two rows (1/16 inch apart) of matching stitching around the top of the toe. Smooth-toed shoes are authorized for optional wear but are not prescribable. Shoes shall have an outside heel 5/8 inch - 1 inch high. The soles shall be 3/16 inch - 3/8 inch thick. Wedge heels are not authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Lace from inside out through all eyelets and tie. Keep well shined and in good repair.

(1) Leather shoes are required for all personnel aboard ship for normal daily operations. Poromeric (e.g., Corfam) shoes may be worn when immediately departing or returning to the ship, or when specifically authorized by the commanding officer for ceremonial or other special occasions. Poromeric shoes ashore remain an individual option except in designated hazardous areas where leather safety shoes are required.

(2) Brown oxfords and khaki socks are optional for officers assigned to aviation units. Officers with aviation designators, assigned to non-aviation units, may wear brown oxfords and khaki socks, as authorized, at the discretion of the unit commander. Commanding officers may direct officers to wear black shoes and socks with Summer Khaki for specific occasions.

540. Skirt, Blue Belted

A. Description: A plain belted skirt made of authorized fabric, with two welt pockets in upper front and a zipper in back.

B. Correct Wear: Length may range from 1-1/2 inches above to 1-1/2 inches below the crease behind the knee. Wear with the zipper centered in back and a belt through all loops.

541. Skirt, Blue Formal

A. Description: A plain, floor-length, six-gored skirt made of authorized fabric, with optional slit on one side no higher than mid calf.

B. Correct Wear: Wear the zipper on the left side.

542. Skirt, Blue Unbelted

A. Description: A plain, six-gored skirt made of authorized fabric, with two diagonal pockets in upper front (single pocket may be worn as long as serviceable).

B. Correct Wear: Length may range from 1-1/2 inches above to 1-1/2 inches below the crease behind the knee. Wear the zipper on the left side. When worn with a blue coat, skirt matches the coat in color and fabric.

543. Skirt, Khaki Summer

A. Description: A plain belted skirt made of authorized fabric, with two welt pockets in upper front and a zipper in back.

B. Correct Wear: Length may range from 1-1/2 inches above to 1-1/2 inches below the crease behind the knee. Wear with the zipper centered in the back and a belt through all loops. The shirt and skirt fabric must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.).

544. Reserved

545. Skirt, White Belted

A. Description: A plain, belted skirt made of authorized fabric, with a full lining, two welt pockets in upper front and a zipper in the back.

B. Correct Wear: Length may range from 1-1/2 inches above to 1-1/2 inches below the crease behind the knee. Wear with the zipper centered in the back and a belt through all loops. The shirt and skirt must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.).

546. Skirt, White Unbelted

A. Description: A plain, six-gored skirt made of authorized fabric, with two diagonal pockets in upper front (single pocket may be worn as long as serviceable).

B. Correct Wear: Length may range from 1-1/2 inches above to 1-1/2 inches below the crease behind the knee. Wear the zipper on the left side. Skirt matches the coat in color and fabric.

547. Reserved**548. Slacks, Blue Belted**

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric with a front zipper, two side and two back pockets. The welt-pocket style may be worn as long as serviceable.

B. Correct Wear: Slacks should cover the top of the shoes by approximately 1 inch at the heel. Wear a belt through all loops.

549. Slacks, Blue Unbelted

A. Description: Flared-style slacks made of the same fabric as the Service Dress Blue coat. Slacks have a zipper on the left hip and a waistband pocket in the upper right front.

B. Correct Wear: Slacks should cover the top of the shoes by approximately 1 inch at the heel.

550. Slacks, Khaki Short

A. Description: Made of polyester/cotton khaki fabric in the style of working khaki slacks.

B. Correct Wear: Wear a belt through all loops. Hem is 2 inches above the crease behind the knee.

551. Slacks, Khaki Summer

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric in the style of working khaki slacks. The welt pocket style may be worn as long as serviceable.

B. Correct Wear: Slacks should cover the top of the shoes by approximately 1 inch at the heel. Wear a belt through all loops. The shirt, slacks, and garrison cap fabrics must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.).

552. Slacks, Khaki Working

A. Description: Made of polyester/cotton with a front zipper, two side and two back pockets, belt loops, and peg legs.

B. Correct Wear: Slacks should cover the top of the shoes by approximately 1 inch at the heel. Wear a belt through all loops.

553. Slacks, White Belted

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with a front zipper and two side pockets. The welt pocket style may be worn as long as serviceable.

B. Correct Wear: Slacks should cover the top of the shoes by approximately 1 inch at the heel. Wear a belt through all loops. The shirt and slacks fabrics must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.).

554. Slacks, White Short

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with a front zipper, two side pockets, and belt loops. The welt pocket style may be worn as long as serviceable.

B. Correct Wear: Wear a belt through all loops. The shirt and slacks fabrics must match (i.e., poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT, etc.). Hem is 2 inches above the crease behind the knee.

555. Slacks, White Unbelted

A. Description: Made of same fabric as Service Dress White coat. Slacks have a zipper on the left hip and a waistband pocket in the upper right front.

B. Correct Wear: Slacks should cover the top of the shoes by approximately 1 inch at the heel.

556. Slip

- A. Description: May be full or half slip. Shall be white or flesh color when wearing white skirts.
- B. Correct Wear: Wear right side out with all unlined skirts. A slip is optional with lined skirts.

557. Socks, Hosiery

- A. Description:
- (1) Socks (Black, White, Khaki): Made of undecorated, plain or ribbed knitted material. Knee length or mid calf socks are authorized.
- (2) Hosiery: Made of nylon, individual's flesh tone color, undecorated and seamless.
- B. Correct Wear: Wear right side out.

558. Sweater, Blue Cardigan

- A. Description: A plain single-breasted cardigan style sweater made of authorized navy blue woolen or synthetic yarn, with a button front closure, long sleeves, wristlets and V-neck. A pocket on the lower part of one or both foreparts is optional.
- B. Correct Wear: Wear only within the immediate office space.

559. Sweater, Black V-neck Pullover

- A. Description:
- (1) Navy style: blue (black in appearance), V-neck pullover sweater, in light or heavy weave, with fabric epaulets, shoulder, and elbow patches. A Velcro-backed, black leather name tag is required on the left breast.
- (2) Army style: black, V-neck pullover sweater, with fabric epaulets, shoulder, and elbow patches. A NOAA plastic name tag shall be worn centered on the fabric patch provided on the right breast when the sweater is worn with Service Dress Blue, Winter Blue, or Summer Khaki. The name tag is optional when the sweater is worn with working uniforms.

B. Correct Wear: The Navy-style sweater is preferred to the Army-style sweater, but the latter may be worn as long as serviceable. The sweater is authorized for travel, in public places, on board ship, and for attending working level meetings/briefings. Shirt collar is worn inside the sweater when a tie is worn and outside the sweater when no tie is worn. Soft shoulder boards shall be worn on the epaulets. See section 12602B(2).

560. Sword

A. Description: The NOAA sword shall have a cut and thrust blade, from 26 inches to 36 inches long, half basket hilt, and fit in a scabbard of plain black grain leather or synthetic material presenting the leather appearance. Both the traditional sword belt and the newer shoulder sword sling are authorized.

B. Correct Wear: Sword length shall be based on the officer's height. The sword shall be worn on the left side. The sword belt or shoulder sword sling shall be worn under the coat so that neither is visible. The sword shall be worn with slacks and not a skirt.

561. Tiara

A. Description: Small and crescent shaped, to fit over crown of the head. It is made of black velvet with an embroidered NOAA cap device at the center, and for admirals, captains, and commanders, appropriate graduated grade ornamentation embroidered on either side.

B. Correct Wear: Wear the tiara over the crown of the head. The tiara need not be removed indoors.

562. Umbrella, Black

A. Description: Plain, solid black, without design or ornamentation.

B. Correct Wear: May be carried when weather conditions warrant, provided safety regulations or practices are not violated. The umbrella will be carried in the left hand to permit saluting. The umbrella will not be used as a cane or walking stick.

563. Underpants

A. Description: Shall be white or flesh color when worn with white skirt/slacks, otherwise, color is optional.

- B. Correct Wear: Wear right side out.

564. Undershirt

A. Description: Made of white cotton or polyester/cotton. May be sleeveless and have a crew or V-neck.

B. Correct Wear: Wear right side out, front of shirt to front of body. V-neck style is worn with open collar shirts, except crew neck shirts must be worn in areas where industrial fire hazards exist.

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590. Boots, Pilot's, Black Leather

A. Description: Laced leather boots with steel toes.

B. Correct Wear: Lace through all eyelets and tie. Keep clean and in good repair.

591. Cap, Knit Watch

A. Description: Made of navy blue wool, closely knitted, bell-shaped, pullover style, 11- to 12- inches long, 8-1/4-inches wide at bottom with 5/8-inch border.

B. Correct Wear: Wear squarely on the head, double-folded approximately 2-1/2 to 3 inches, with the bottom parallel to and 1-1/2 inches above the eyebrows.

592. Coveralls, Dark Blue

A. Description: Full-length coveralls of dark blue fabric.

B. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except a collar button, and close all fasteners. Two patches may be worn: a NOAA Corps patch centered on the left breast; a second patch of the individual's choice, acceptable to the command, may be worn on the left sleeve just below the shoulder. American and State flags may not be worn. A NOAA plastic or cloth name tag over the right breast pocket is optional. Metal or embroidered collar grade insignia shall be worn on the collar points in the manner prescribed for an open-collared shirt. See section 12602C(2).

593. Flying Suit, NOMEX, Blue (CWU-73/P)

A. Description: Full-length flight coveralls of high-temperature resistant, blue NOMEX with two zippered chest pockets, two zippered thigh pockets, two zippered leg pockets, and zippered sleeve pocket.

B. Correct Wear: Fasten all fasteners. Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. Two patches are required: a NOAA Corps patch or NOAA patch on the right breast over the pocket, and an Aircraft Operations Center (AOC) patch on the right sleeve just below the shoulder. A leather name tag is worn on the left breast. See section 12609A(2). Wear with metal or embroidered shoulder grade insignia. See sections 12602B(3) and 12602B(4). If metal insignia are worn, they shall be covered by plastic.

594. Gloves, Flyer's, NOMEX, Sage Green (GS/FRP-2)

A. Description: Knit, fire-resistant NOMEX backs with leather palms.

B. Correct Wear: Wear during flight operations.

595. Glove Shells, Flyer's, Leather (HAU-6/P)

A. Description: Made of dark brown leather.

B. Correct Wear: Wear over NOMEX flyer's gloves to provide additional warmth and protection.

596. Jacket, Brown Leather (USAF A-2)

A. Description: Made of brown leather, with zipper closure, snap front pockets, collar snaps, knit cuffs and bottom, and epaulets. The jacket is fully lined.

B. Correct Wear: Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. A leather name tag is worn on the left breast. See section 12609A(2).

597. Jacket, NOMEX, Green (CWU-36/P and CWU-45/P)

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with zipper closure, one large pouch pocket on each front, wind flap and zippered pencil holder/pocket on left sleeve, and knit cuffs and bottom.

B. Correct Wear: Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. A leather name tag is worn on the left breast. See section 12609A(2).

598. Jacket, Working (Blue, Green) (A-2)

A. Description: Made of authorized fabric, with zipper closure, breast pockets with zippers or snaps, side pockets, knitted wristlets, and a pointed collar. The jacket is fully lined.

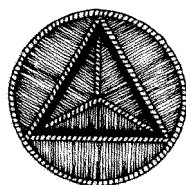
B. **Correct Wear**: Close the zipper at least three-quarters of the way. A cloth name tag worn on the right breast is optional. See section 12609A(3).

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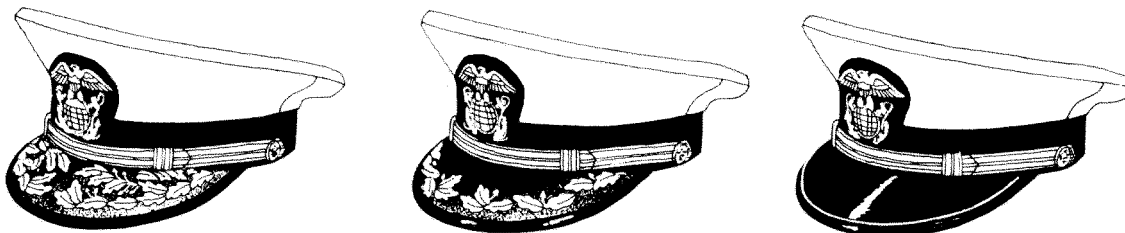
A. **Sleeve Device** is the NOAA Corps device consisting of a circular base of gold matte embroidery 15/16-inch in diameter, with inscribed triangle of gold shine embroidery, the triangle outlined with heavy gold jaceron. The triangle shall be subdivided into three smaller triangles by a single line of jaceron. The device shall be centered on the sleeve midway between front and rear creases, the base of the triangle parallel to the edge of the cuff with the bottom of the embroidered circle 1/4-inch above the uppermost sleeve stripe.



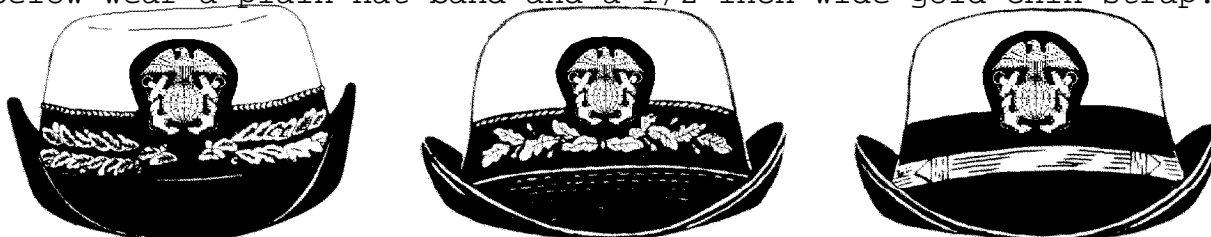
B. **Combination Cap Device** is solid metal consisting of a full globe, 1-1/16 inches in diameter, surmounted by a spread eagle, facing dexter, 1-inch in height with tips of wings 2-3/8 inches apart. The breast of the eagle carries a shield 9/16-inch in height with tip of shield 1/16-inch above top of globe. The globe is superimposed on crossed fouled anchors 1-1/4 inches in overall length. The globe and eagle shall be of gold-colored metal, the anchors and shield of silver-colored metal.



(1) **Combination Cap (Male)** insignia shall consist of a NOAA Corps combination cap device, a 1/2-inch-wide gold chin strap and two 22-1/2-line NOAA cap screw buttons. Officers in the grade of rear admiral (lower half) and above wear a visor covered with dark-blue cloth, embroidered fully in gold with two rows of oak leaves and acorns. For captains and commanders the visor shall be the same as for flag officers but with only one row of oak leaves and acorns. Officers in the grade of lieutenant commander and below wear a plain visor.



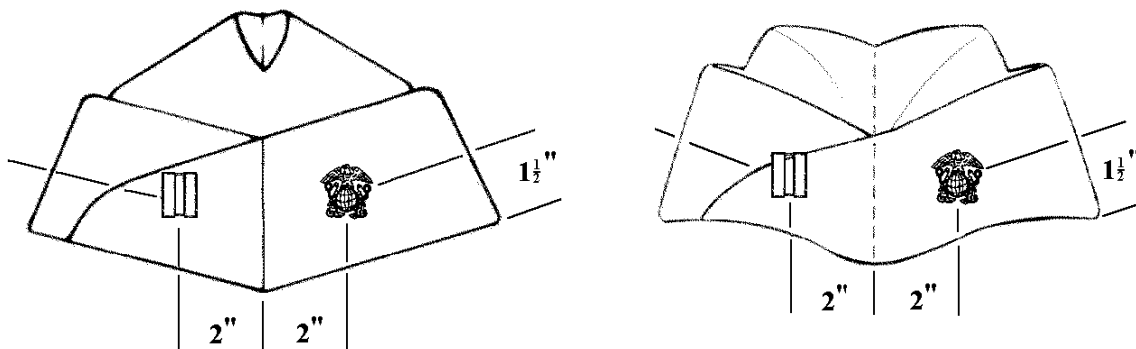
(2) **Combination Cap (Female)** insignia shall consist of a NOAA Corps combination cap device and two 22-1/2-line NOAA cap screw buttons. Officers in the grade of rear admiral (lower half) and above wear a hat band covered with dark-blue cloth, embroidered fully in gold with two rows of oak leaves and acorns. The hat band is encircled at the top by gold braid piping approximately 1/8-inch-wide. For captains and commanders the hat band shall be the same as for flag officers but with only one row of oak leaves and acorns. Officers in the grade of lieutenant commander and below wear a plain hat band and a 1/2-inch-wide gold chin strap.



C. **Miniature Cap Device** is metal and of similar design and color as the combination cap device except that each dimension shall be reduced by one-half and no shield shall be used on the breast of the eagle.



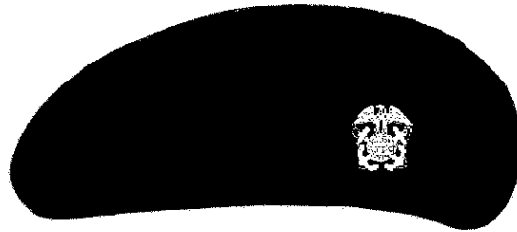
(1) **Garrison Cap** shall be worn with a miniature cap device on the left and a collar grade insignia on the right as specified in section 12602C(2)(c). The devices are centered 1-1/2 inches from the lower edge and 2 inches from the center line.



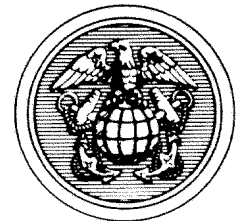
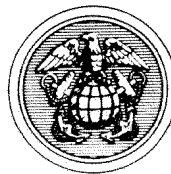
(2) **Command Ball Cap** is worn with the miniature cap device centered both vertically and horizontally on the front of a plain cap. The miniature cap device may be worn on the front of a cap with a command logo and/or emblem as these designs permit. No grade insignia are worn on the command ball cap.



(3) **Beret (female only)** shall be worn with the miniature cap device aligned over the left eye. No grade insignia are worn on the beret.



D. **Buttons** are gold-colored metal with an embossed design consisting of an eagle rising, wings displayed and inverted, with the eagle's head turned to its right, with talons gripping the top of a globe, and two fouled anchors crossing behind the globe, with the flukes at the bottom of the design and the stocks under the eagle's wing. Button sizes are designated in terms of "lines," e.g., a 40-line button is 1 inch in diameter. Button sizes authorized are 22-1/2-line, 28-line, 35-line, and 40-line.

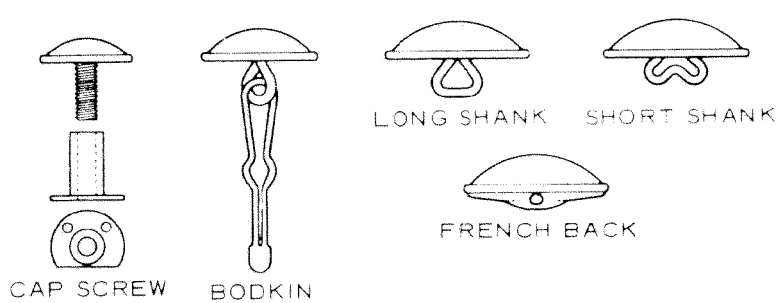


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12602 GRADE INSIGNIA

A. **Sleeve Insignia** consist of stripes of gold lace in widths of 2-inch, 1/2-inch, or 1/4-inch indicating an officer's grade. Stripes encircle the sleeve with the lower edge of the first stripe 2 inches from the edge of the sleeve. Multiple stripes are separated by 1/4-inch intervals. Sleeve insignia are worn as indicated below:

(1) Vice Admiral - One 2-inch stripe with two 1/2-inch stripes above it.

(2) Rear Admiral - One 2-inch stripe with one 1/2-inch stripe above it.

(3) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One 2-inch stripe.

(4) Captain - Four 1/2-inch stripes.

(5) Commander - Three 1/2-inch stripes.

(6) Lieutenant Commander - Two 1/2-inch stripes with one 1/4-inch stripe in between.

(7) Lieutenant - Two 1/2-inch stripes.

(8) Lieutenant (junior grade) - One 1/2-inch stripe with one 1/4-inch stripe above it.

(9) Ensign - One 1/2-inch stripe.



B. **Shoulder Insignia** consist of shoulder boards and metal grade insignia, as follows:

(1) **Hard Shoulder Boards** indicate the wearer's grade and service. They shall be 5-1/2 inches long and 2-1/4 inches wide, with the outer end squared and the inner end terminating in a symmetrical triangular peak, extending 1 inch beyond the parallel sides. They shall be stiff, curved to fit the shoulder and secured at their inner ends by a 22-1/2-inch line NOAA gilt button snap fastener or cap screw button.

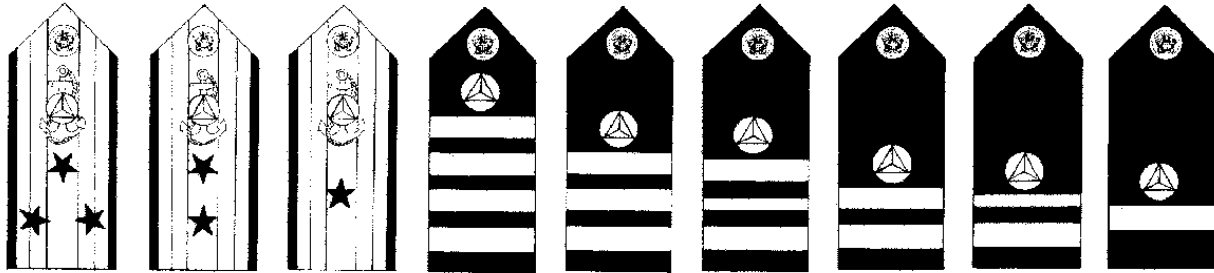
(a) For flag officers the outside face of the hard shoulder board shall be covered with gold lace of approved shade and pattern, showing a margin of 1/8-inch of blue cloth on each of the long sides. A fouled anchor shall be embroidered in silver thereon with the centerline of the shank coinciding with the centerline of the longer dimension of the shoulder board. Superimposed on the shank of the anchor is a 1/2-inch circle and inscribed equilateral triangle, the triangle to be embroidered in gold bullion or synthetic material. The crown of the anchor and base of the triangle shall be pointed toward the squared end of the board. The device shall measure 1-7/16 inch overall and shall be placed with the ring 1-1/4 inch from the pointed end of the board. The unfouled arm of the stock shall point to the front. Designation of grade shall consist of silver embroidered five-pointed star(s), each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 3/4-inch in diameter, placed between the crown of the anchor and the squared end of the shoulder board as follows:

(1 Vice Admiral - Three five-pointed stars placed to form an isosceles triangle with a 1-1/8 inch base and altitude. Inner star shall have a ray pointing toward the squared end of the shoulder board. Centers of the outermost stars shall be 3/4-inch from the squared end of the shoulder board and have a ray of each pointing toward the other.

(2 Rear Admiral - Two five-pointed stars embroidered in silver, each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 3/4-inch in diameter, placed on the centerline of the board, with the centers of the stars 13/16-inch apart, and the center of the outer star 3/4-inch from the squared end of the board. A ray of each star shall point toward the other.

(3 Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One five-pointed star located on the center line of the shoulder board and centered between the crown of the anchor and the squared end of the shoulder board, with one ray pointing toward the pointed end of the shoulder board.

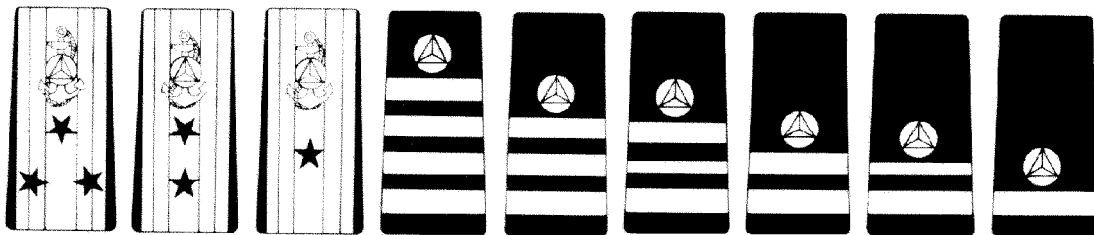
(b) For officers below flag grade the outside face of the hard shoulder board shall be covered with navy-blue cloth lined with black silk, rayon, or similar cloth. Grade shall be designated by stripes of gold lace of the same width and number and with the same spacing as specified in 12602A for stripes on the sleeves of the coat, except that the outer edge of the first stripe shall be 1/4-inch (1/2-inch for ensigns) from the squared end of the shoulder board. A Corps device 15/16-inch in diameter, embroidered in gold, shall be affixed 1/4 inch above the innermost stripe.



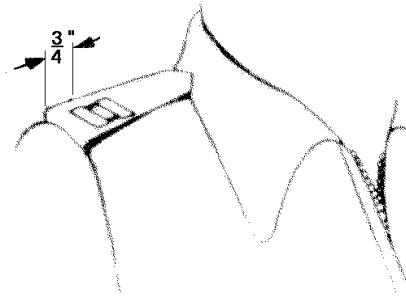
(2) **Soft Shoulder Boards** shall be made of navy-blue gabardine or similar material, sewn in a loop to fit over the shoulder straps. They shall be 4-3/16 inches long, squared at both the inner and outer ends, tapering from 2-1/4 inches wide at the outer end to 1-7/8 inches wide at the inner end.

(a) For flag officers the outside face of the soft shoulder boards shall be covered with 1-1/2 inches width gold lace, with embroidery similar to that on the hard shoulder boards for each grade.

(b) For officers below flag grade, grade shall be designated by a stripe or stripes of gold lace of 3/8-inch or 1/8-inch widths, encircling the boards. The outer edge of the first stripe shall be 1/4-inch from the outer edge of the shoulder board, with 1/4-inch intervals between stripes. A Corps device, 15/16-inch in diameter, embroidered in gold, shall be affixed 1/4 inch above the innermost stripe.



(3) **Metal Shoulder Grade Insignia** are large U.S. Navy-type, and shall be worn on the shoulders of aviation coveralls and the shoulder straps of all-weather coats/raincoats, black jackets, and blue and khaki windbreaker jackets to indicate the wearer's grade. The outer edge of each device shall be placed 3/4-inch from the squared end of the strap. On aviation coveralls without shoulder straps, wear the insignia 3/4-inch inboard from the shoulder seam. NOTE: Army-type insignia are different and are NOT authorized.



(a) Vice Admiral - Three silver-colored, five-pointed pyramidically-shaped stars, worn lengthwise on the strap so that the single ray of each star points toward the collar.

(b) Rear Admiral - Two silver-colored, five-pointed, pyramidically-shaped stars, worn in the same manner as prescribed for vice admiral.

(c) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One silver-colored, five-pointed, pyramidically-shaped star, one ray of which shall point toward the collar.

(d) Captain - A silver-colored spread eagle, worn with the top of eagle's head toward the collar, and head and olive branch pointing to the front (rights and lefts).

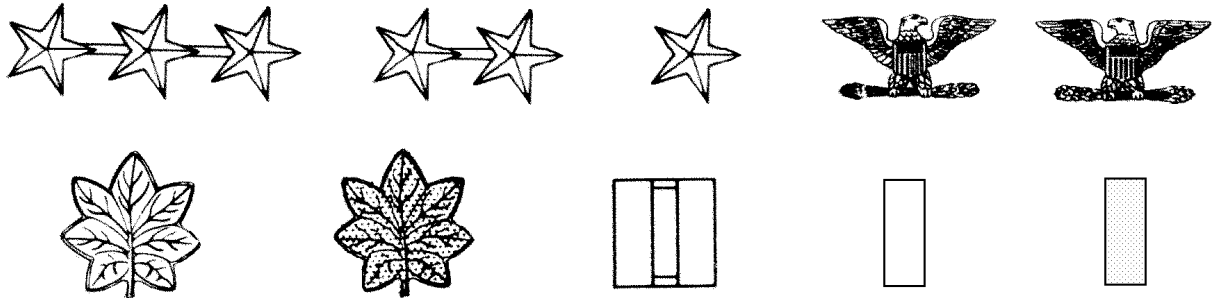
(e) Commander - A silver-colored oak leaf, plain, raised, and veined, worn with the tip of leaf toward the collar.

(f) Lieutenant Commander - A gold-colored oak leaf of the same design as that prescribed for commander, worn in the same manner.

(g) Lieutenant - Two silver-colored bars, attached at the ends, placed on the long center line of each shoulder strap with the longer dimension of the bars in a fore and aft line.

(h) Lieutenant (junior grade) - One silver-colored bar placed on the long center line of each shoulder strap with the longer dimension of the bar in a fore and aft line.

(i) Ensign - A gold-colored bar worn on the shoulder strap in the same manner as prescribed for lieutenant (junior grade).



(4) **Embroidered Shoulder Grade Insignia** are large U.S. Navy-type embroidered on a blue background. May be worn on the shoulders of aviation coveralls in lieu of metal shoulder grade insignia.

C. **Metal Collar Grade Insignia** are small U.S. Navy-type, and shall be worn on the collar points of shirts, as authorized, and on the garrison cap.

(1) **Description** - Metal collar grade insignia shall be of the same design as metal shoulder grade insignia described in 12602B (3) except as specified below.

(a) Vice Admiral - Three silver-colored pyramidically-shaped stars, worn with one ray of each star pointed upward and along a fine line drawn through the three stars.

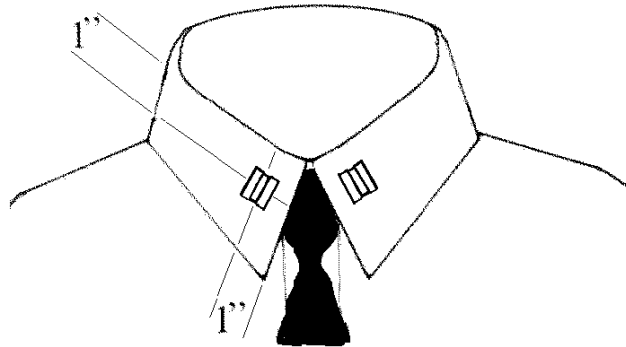
(b) Rear Admiral - Two silver-colored pyramidically-shaped stars of the same characteristics and worn in the same manner prescribed for vice admiral.

(c) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One silver-colored, pyramidically-shaped star, one ray pointing upward.

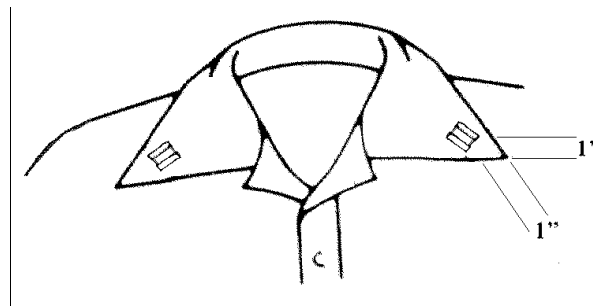


(2) **Manner of Wear**

(a) **Closed Collar** shirts, whether worn closed or open, shall have the insignia centered 1-inch from the front and upper edges of the collar, except that for vice admirals and rear admirals, the first star shall be centered 1-inch from the front and upper edges of the collar, and positioned with the vertical axis of the insignia at right angles (the horizontal axis parallel) to the upper edge of the collar.



(b) **Open Collar** shirts shall have the insignia centered 1-inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and positioned with the vertical axis of the insignia along (the horizontal axis at right angles to) an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point.



(c) **Garrison Cap** is worn with a collar grade insignia on the right and a miniature cap device on the left. The devices are centered 1-1/2 inches from the lower edge and 2 inches from the center line. Officers in the grade of captain wear the right eagle (i.e., eagle's head and olive branch shall be toward the centerline). See section 12601C(1).

D. **Embroidered Collar Grade Insignia** are small U.S. Navy-type, embroidered on a dark blue background. May be worn on the collar points of working coveralls in lieu of metal collar grade insignia.

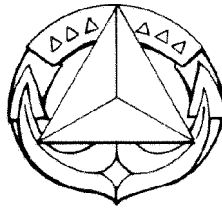
E. **Tie Clasp/Tack Grade Insignia**, if worn, shall be the appropriate insignia to which the wearer is entitled.

12603 COMMAND INSIGNIA

A. **General** - Command insignia are worn on the breast to indicate designation as Commanding Officer of a NOAA vessel or Chief-of-Party of a mobile duty assignment. Command insignia are authorized only for officers in the grade of captain and junior thereto. See 12601 - Attachments 1 and 3.

B. Authorized Insignia**(1) NOAA Command-at-Sea Insignia**

(a) Shall be a gold-colored pin consisting of a triangle superimposed on anchor flukes and an unfurled commissioning pennant showing six triangles. The insignia is provided in two sizes: 1-1/2 inches in diameter and 3/4-inch in diameter.



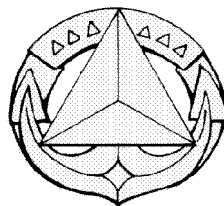
(b) The NOAA Command-at-Sea insignia is authorized for **incumbents** serving under orders designating them in command of Class 1 through Class 5 NOAA commissioned vessels.

(c) An officer who has **previously** successfully held command (but is not currently in command) of a NOAA commissioned vessel (as described in 12603B(1)(b)) for at least 6 months during which the vessel was engaged for at least 4 months in operations at sea, may, after authorization, wear the Command-at-Sea insignia.

(d) Eligibility to wear the insignia is not attained by an officer being temporarily or acting in command due to absence, illness or transfer of the designated commanding officer, for periods of less than 6 continuous months.

(2) NOAA Small-Craft-Command Insignia

(a) Shall be a bronze-colored insignia, of the same design and sizes as the Command-at-Sea insignia.



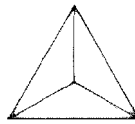
(b) Officers not qualifying for the Command-at-Sea insignia as stated above who are **incumbents** serving under orders designating them as officer-in-charge or in command of NOAA vessels, greater than 50 feet in length up through Class 6, are authorized to wear the Small-Craft-Command insignia.

(c) An officer who has **previously** been in charge of, or held command of a NOAA vessel (as described in 12603B(2)(b)) for at least 6 months during which the vessel spent at least 4 months in field operations, may, after authorization, wear the Small-Craft-Command insignia. This insignia shall not be worn when the Command-at-Sea insignia is authorized.

(d) Eligibility to wear the insignia is not attained by an officer being temporarily or acting in command due to absence, illness or transfer of the designated commanding officer, for periods of less than 6 continuous months.

(3) **NOAA Chief-of-Party Insignia**

(a) Shall be a gold-colored pin consisting of a raised equilateral triangle. The insignia is provided in two sizes: approximately 1-1/2 inches on a side and approximately 3/4 inches on a side.



(b) The NOAA Chief-of-Party insignia is authorized for **incumbents** serving in assignments designating them as Chief-of-Party or equivalent.

(c) An officer who has **previously** served in an assignment as Chief-of-Party, or equivalent, for at least 6 months during which the unit was engaged for at least 4 months in field operations, may, after authorization, wear the Chief-of-Party insignia.

(d) Eligibility to wear the insignia is not attained by an officer being temporarily assigned or acting as Chief-of-Party due to absence, illness or transfer of the designated Chief-of-Party, for periods of less than 6 continuous months.

C. Manner of Wear

(1) **Incumbent**

(a) Wear the command insignia centered 1/4 inch above the right breast pocket or pocket flap. When a name tag or ribbon bars are worn on the right breast, the insignia is centered 1/4 inch above them.

(b) On the men's Service Dress Blue coat, the insignia is positioned on the right breast as though there were a pocket.

(c) On Formal Dress and Dinner Dress Jacket (Blue or White), men wear the insignia centered on the right lapel, 3 inches below the notch; women wear the insignia centered on the right lapel, down one third the distance between the shoulder seam and the coat hem.

(2) **Post-Tour**

(a) Only one post-tour command insignia may be worn. The choice of insignia worn is up to the individual.

(b) Center the device point up on the left breast, 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket/flap. When wearing two qualification insignia, center the command insignia 1/4 inch below the secondary insignia, or on uniforms with pocket flaps, 1/4 inch below the flap.

(c) When wearing miniature medals, center post-tour command insignia 1/4 inch below the medals or secondary qualification insignia.

(d) When wearing large medals, men center post-tour command insignia 1/4 inch **below** the lower of either medals or a qualification insignia in the secondary position; women center the insignia 1/4 inch **above** the left pocket flap, medals, or primary insignia. On men's Full Dress White the combination of breast insignia and medals shall not extend below the lower seam of the pocket.

(3) **Incumbent with Post-Tour Insignia** - An incumbent shall not wear a post-tour command insignia of the same command category. An incumbent insignia may be worn with one post-tour command insignia, but the Small-Craft Command and Command-at-Sea insignia shall not be worn concurrently. Specifically, incumbent Small-Craft Command or Command-at-Sea insignia may be worn with post-tour Chief-of-Party insignia and vice versa.

12604 QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA

A. **General** - Officers who have qualified as aviators, divers, submariners, parachutists, etc., or are otherwise entitled to wear a qualification insignia and whose right to wear it has not been specifically revoked, may wear the insignia at their discretion in accordance with these regulations. See 12601 - Attachments 1 and 3.

B. Authorized Insignia**(1) NOAA Aviator Insignia**

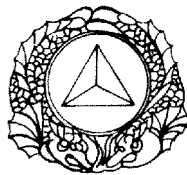
(a) Shall be a gold-colored pin, winged, with a central device consisting of a fouled anchor surcharged with a NOAA Corps device. The insignia is provided in two sizes: 2-3/4 inches by 1 inch and 1-3/8 inches by 1/2 inch.



(b) Officer pilots and navigators may wear the NOAA aviator insignia after authorization by the Director, NC.

(2) NOAA Diver Insignia

(a) Shall be a gold-colored pin consisting of a NOAA Corps device surrounded by two dolphins. The insignia is provided in two sizes: 1-1/2 inches in diameter and 3/4-inch diameter.



(b) Officers qualified as NOAA divers may wear the NOAA diver insignia after authorization by the Director, NC.

(3) **Insignia of Other Services** - Officers authorized to wear qualification insignia of other services may do so in accordance with 12604C.

C. Manner of Wear

(1) Qualification insignia are worn on the left breast.

(2) If wearing one device, place it in the primary position.

(3) Officers with multiple qualifications may wear two insignia, placing one in the primary position and one in the secondary position. Only one insignia from any qualification category (i.e., diver, aviator, etc.) is authorized for wear at the same time.

(4) Positioning of insignia shall be as follows:

(a) With Ribbon Bars or Medals

(1) The primary insignia is centered above ribbon bars or medals with the lower edge of the device 1/4-inch above the top row of ribbon bars or medals.

(2) The secondary insignia is centered below ribbon bars with the top of the device 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket or pocket flap, or centered below medals with the top of the device 1/4 inch below the lowest row of medals.

(b) Without Ribbon Bars or Medals

(1) The primary insignia is centered above the left pocket with the lower edge of the device 1/4 inch above the top of the pocket. On Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms, men center the insignia on the left lapel, 3 inches below the notch; women center the insignia on the left lapel down one-third the distance between the shoulder seam and coat hem.

(2) The secondary insignia is centered 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket or pocket flap. On Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms, position the secondary insignia 1/4 inch below the primary insignia. Secondary insignia are not authorized for wear on working uniforms.

12605 LARGE MEDALS

A. Large medals recognize awards made to individuals for performance of certain duties, acts, or services. With the exception of the Medal of Honor, all United States medals consist of a short suspension ribbon, in distinctive colors, from which hangs a medallion.

B. Large medals shall be worn on the left breast of Full Dress uniforms. When wearing more than one medal, suspend them from a holding bar that supports the medals' weight. Rows may contain up to three medals without overlap. In rows containing four or five medals, the medals are overlapped. Overlapping shall be proportional, making the width equal to a row of three. The inboard medal shall show in full. Medals shall be arranged in rows in accordance with 12601 - Attachment 2. Position each upper row of medals so the medallions cover the suspension ribbons of the medals in the row below. The holding bar of the lowest row of medals is centered 1/4 inch above the pocket or pocket flap.

C. Medals shall be arranged by order of precedence from inboard to outboard and from top to bottom. The Medal of Honor is worn on a suspension ribbon made to fit around the neck.

D. Recipients of decorations and service awards for which no large medals have been authorized or struck shall wear such ribbon bars on the right breast when large medals are worn. On Full Dress White (male and female) and Full Dress Blue (female), the ribbon bars shall be centered 1/4 inch above the right pocket flap. On Full Dress Blue (male) the ribbon bars shall be positioned on the right breast as though there were a pocket. Arrangement of ribbon bars shall be by order of precedence from inboard to outboard and from top to bottom. (NOTE: This order mirrors wear on left breast.)

12606 MINIATURE MEDALS

A. A miniature medal is a replica of a large medal, to a scale of one-half that of the original. The full-size Medal of Honor is worn when miniature medals are authorized.

B. Miniature medals are worn with Formal Dress, Dinner Dress Jacket, and Dinner Dress uniforms. When wearing more than one medal, suspend them from a holding bar that supports the medals' weight. Wear up to five miniature medals in a single row with no overlap. Medals shall be arranged in accordance with 12601 - Attachment 2. Position each upper row of medals so the medallions cover the suspension ribbons of the medals in the row below.

(1) Male Officers

(a) When worn on the Service Dress coat (blue or white), the holding bar of the lowest row of medals is centered 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket.

(b) When worn on the Dinner Dress Jacket coat (blue or white), the holding bar of the lowest row of medals shall be positioned 3 inches below the notch and centered on the left lapel.

(2) Female Officers

(a) When worn on the Service Dress coat (blue or white), the holding bar of the lowest row of medals is centered 1/4 inch above the left pocket flap.

(b) When worn on the Dinner Dress Jacket coat (blue or white), the holding bar of the lowest row of medals is worn in the same relative position as in (1)(b) above, down 1/3 the distance between the shoulder seam and coat hem.

C. Medals shall be arranged by order of precedence from inboard to outboard and from top to bottom.

D. Recipients of awards for which no miniature medals have been authorized or struck shall not wear such ribbon bars when miniature medals are required.

12607 RIBBON BARS

A. A ribbon bar replicates the distinctive fabric design symbolizing a particular award, in the form of a bar, 1-3/8 inches by 3/8 inch. Thin-mount ribbon bar sets that retain the appearance of standard ribbon bars are authorized. Ribbon bars shall be kept neat and clean at all times.

★ B. On service uniforms, no ribbon bars, the three senior ribbon bars, or all ribbon bars may be worn at the discretion of the individual officer. Ribbon bars are required on Full Dress uniforms. Ribbon bars, when worn, will be placed on the uniform in the manner prescribed in these regulations.

C. **Manner of Wear** - Ribbon bars shall be arranged by order of precedence from inboard to outboard and from top to bottom. One, two, or three ribbon bars are worn in a single row. When more than three ribbon bars are authorized, they shall be worn in horizontal rows of three each. If not in multiples of three, the uppermost row shall contain the lesser number, the center of the row to be over the center of the row below it. Ribbon bars shall be worn without intervals between ribbon bars or rows, with the bottom row centered 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket or pocket flap. In all instances, a single backplate shall be used to properly display all ribbon bars. For example, one three-ribbon backplate will be used instead of three one-ribbon backplates.

12608 ATTACHMENTS TO MEDALS AND RIBBON BARS

A. Only one of each medal or ribbon bar shall be worn. Subsequent awards are denoted by attachments to the medal or ribbon bar.

B. **Stars** - There are seven variations of stars used on medals and ribbon bars issued by the NOAA Corps. Stars are worn with one point up. See 12601 - Attachment 4.

(1) A 5/16-inch gold-colored star is worn on personal decorations (large medals and ribbon bars) to denote each subsequent award received.

(2) A 5/16-inch silver-colored star is worn on personal decorations (large medals and ribbon bars) in lieu of five gold-colored stars to represent sixth award.

(3) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored star is worn on unit, service, and societal awards (ribbon bars) to denote subsequent awards.

(4) A 3/16-inch silver-colored star is worn on unit, service, and societal awards (ribbon bars) in lieu of five bronze-colored stars to represent sixth award.

(5) A 1/8-inch gold-colored star is worn on personal decorations (miniature medals) to denote each subsequent award received.

(6) A 1/8-inch silver-colored star is worn on:

(a) personal decorations (miniature medals) in lieu of five gold-colored stars to represent sixth award; and

(b) unit, service, and societal awards (miniature medals) in lieu of five bronze-colored stars to represent sixth award.

(7) A 1/8-inch bronze-colored star is worn on unit, service, and societal awards (miniature medals) to denote subsequent awards.

C. Triangles - Triangles are worn one point up.

(1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored triangle is worn on the SAME ribbon bar as part of the SAME Karo Award.

(2) A 3/16-inch silver-colored triangle is worn:

(a) on the SAME miniature medal and the SAME ribbon bar as part of the SAME Colbert Medal; and

(b) on the NOAA Corps International Service Ribbon bar to denote completion of an overseas permanent change of station (PCS) tour in an area other than the United States, its possessions or territories.

D. Antarctica Wintered-Over Clasp - A bronze-colored clasp, 1/8-inch by 1-1/2 inches, with the words "Wintered Over" on the suspension ribbon of the Antarctic Service Medal (large medal) denotes the first wintering over period. A gold-colored clasp of the same dimensions denotes the second wintering over period, and a silver-colored clasp of the same dimensions denotes the third or subsequent wintering over period. The clasp is worn centered on the suspension ribbon. Not more than one clasp shall be worn.

E. Antarctica Wintered-Over Disk - A bronze-colored disk, 5/16-inch diameter, with an outline of the Antarctic continent inscribed thereon worn on the suspension ribbon of the Antarctic Service Medal (miniature medal) and on the ribbon bar denotes the first wintering over period. A gold-colored disk denotes the second wintering over period, and a silver-colored disk denotes the

third or subsequent wintering over period. The disk is worn centered on the ribbon bar and the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal, peninsula pointing up. Not more than one disk shall be worn.

F. "S"

(1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored "S" affixed to the large ACO medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar signifies the ACO Science Award.

(2) A 1/8-inch bronze-colored "S" affixed to the miniature ACO medal suspension ribbon signifies the ACO Science Award.

G. "E"

(1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored "E" affixed to the large ACO medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar signifies the ACO Engineering Award.

(2) A 1/8-inch bronze-colored "E" affixed to the miniature ACO medal suspension ribbon signifies the ACO Engineering Award.

12609 NAME TAGS, AIGUILLETTES, AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES OF OTHER SERVICES

A. Name Tags

(1) **Plastic** - The name tag shall conform to the following specifications:

(a) Size - 1 inch by 3 inches.

(b) Color - Lustrous, "air force blue" background.

(c) Lettering - Engraved, white block-type uppercase, 9/32-inch high for first and last name (font may be smaller in case of lengthy name), and 7/32-inch high for abbreviation of grade.

(d) Material - Bakelite or any similar material that will hold the lustrous finish, with clutch-type fasteners.

(e) NOAA Seal - An epoxy-coated NOAA medallion, 3/4-inch in diameter, shall be affixed to the front and displaced to the left.

(f) Manner of Wear - Worn on all service uniforms. Center name tag 1/4-inch above the right breast pocket. On uniforms without a right breast pocket, place the name tag on the right front as though there were a pocket. On the Army-style black V-neck pullover sweater, the name tag is worn centered on the fabric patch provided on the right breast.



(2) **Leather** - The name tag shall conform to the following specifications:

(a) Size - 2 inches by 4 inches.

(b) Color - Black.

(c) Lettering - Gold block-type uppercase, 3/16-inch high for first and last name (font may be smaller in case of lengthy name), and for abbreviation of grade and service.

(d) Material - Leather with velcro affixed to the back.

(e) NOAA Corps Seal - A gold-colored NOAA Corps emblem shall be stamped above the name. Aviators may wear name tags with NOAA aviator wings in lieu of the NOAA Corps emblem.

(f) Manner of Wear - Worn on the Velcro patch provided on sweaters, flight suits, and flight jackets.



(3) **Cloth** - the name tag shall conform to the following specifications:

(a) Size - 1-inch wide cloth. Length corresponds to the length of the last name.

(b) Color - Blue or green background.

(c) Lettering - White on blue background or black on green background, block-type uppercase, embroidered or stencilled, last name only.

(d) Material - Standard name-tag-grade cloth.

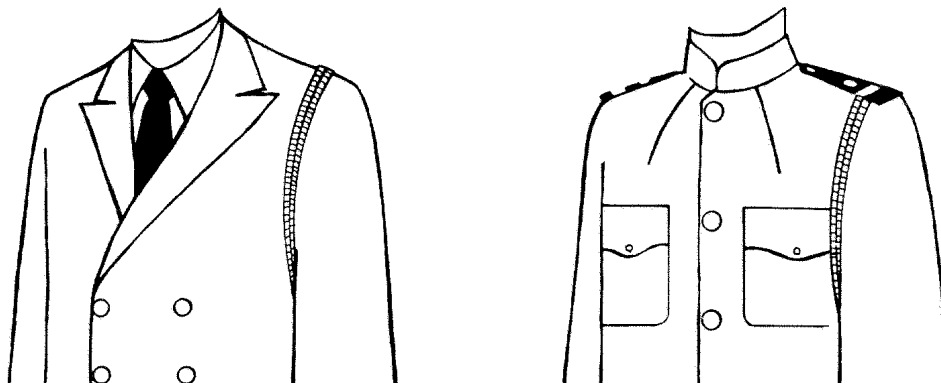
(e) Manner of Wear - Worn centered on right breast. The blue name tag is worn on Working Coveralls and the Blue Working Jacket (A-2). The green name tag is worn on the Green Working Jacket (A-2).

(4) Plastic and leather NOAA name tags are ordered through the NOAA Corps Awards and Insignia Custodian, CPC1. Cloth name tags are available through many military uniform outlets.

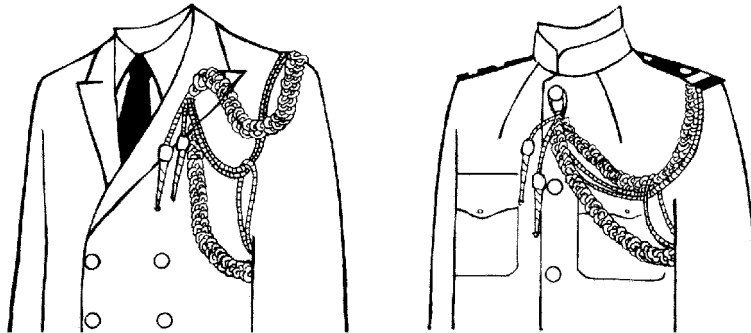
(5) Officers assigned to other services may wear a name tag of that service's design on the NOAA uniform while assigned to that service.

B. **Aiguilletes** - An officer designated as admiral's aide shall wear an aiguillette on the left shoulder of the uniform while acting in that capacity. Service aiguilletes are ordinarily worn; dress aiguilletes are for formal official ceremonies and functions.

(1) **Service Aiguilletes** consist of two or three loops of aiguillette cord, with a core of yellow cotton, covered by braiding of gold or gilt thread and dark-blue silk. Three loops of aiguillette cord designate an aide to a vice admiral and two loops designate an aide to a rear admiral or rear admiral (lower half).



(2) **Dress Aiguillettes** consist of two single aiguillette cords, having a core of yellow cotton, covered by braiding of gold or gilt thread and dark-blue silk, plaited, and two additional loops of unplaited aiguillette cord. The end of the plaited cord has a becket of gold cord and two gilt metal pencils secured by lengths of plain cord.



C. Identification Badges of Other Services

(1) Identification badges authorized while assigned to another service or organization may be worn in accordance with the issuing service's regulations.

(2) Subsequent to departure from duty with that service or organization, continued wearing of the identification badge is at the discretion of the officer involved.

(3) Identification badges shall not be worn on working uniforms.

AUTHORIZED APPURTENANCES BY UNIFORM

Uniform	Name Tag	Medals	Ribbon Bars	Command¹	Aviator¹	Diver¹
FORMAL AND DINNER DRESS UNIFORMS						
Formal Dress	No	Mini	No	Mini	Mini	Mini
Dinner Dress Jacket (Blue or White)	No	Mini	No	Mini	Mini	Mini
Dinner Dress (Blue or White)	No	Mini	No	Mini	Mini	Mini
CEREMONIAL UNIFORMS						
Full Dress (Blue or White)	No	Large ²	Yes ²	Large	Large	Large
SERVICE UNIFORMS						
Service Dress (Blue or White)	Yes	No	Yes ³	Mini	Large	Mini
Winter Blue	Yes	No	Yes ³	Mini	Large	Mini
Summer White	Yes	No	Yes ³	Mini	Large	Mini
Tropical White	Yes	No	Yes ³	Mini	Large	Mini
Summer Khaki	Yes	No	Yes ³	Mini	Large	Mini
WORKING UNIFORMS						
Winter Working Blue	Yes ⁴	No	No	Mini	Large ⁵	Mini ⁵
Working Khaki	Yes ⁴	No	No	Mini	Large ⁵	Mini ⁵
Tropical Khaki	Yes ⁴	No	No	Mini	Large ⁵	Mini ⁵

¹ Command and qualification insignia are always optional.² Large medals are required on the left breast, ribbon bars are required on the right.³ Ribbon bars are optional with service uniforms.⁴ Name tag is optional with working uniforms.⁵ Only one qualification insignia is authorized on working uniforms.

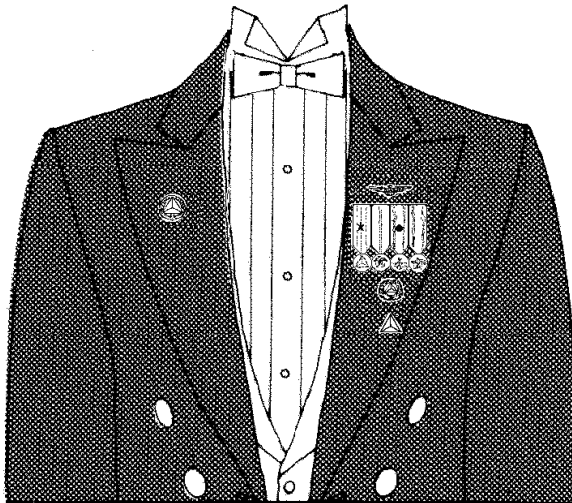
WEARING MULTIPLE LARGE OR MINIATURE MEDALS

Number of Medals to be Worn	Prescribed Number of Rows	Number of Medals Per Row			
		Top Row	2nd Row	3rd Row	4th Row
1 - 5	1 row only	1 - 5			
6	2	3	3		
7	2	3	4		
8	2	4	4		
9	2	4	5		
10	2	5	5		
11	3	3	4	4	
12	3	4	4	4	
13	3	3	5	5	
14	3	4	5	5	
15	3	5	5	5	
16	4	4	4	4	4
and so on					

MANNER OF WEAR: COMMAND AND QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA

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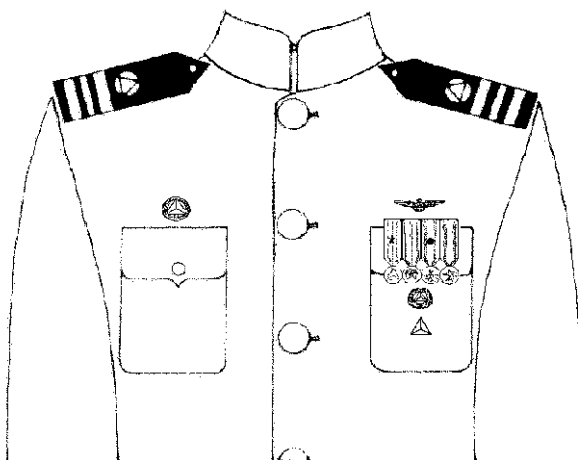
PROPER WEAR OF BREAST INSIGNIA WITH MINIATURE MEDALS (MALE)



**Formal Dress; Dinner Dress
Jacket (Blue or White)**

The top of the lowest row of medals is positioned on the lapel, 3" below the notch. When worn without medals, insignia are centered on the lapel.

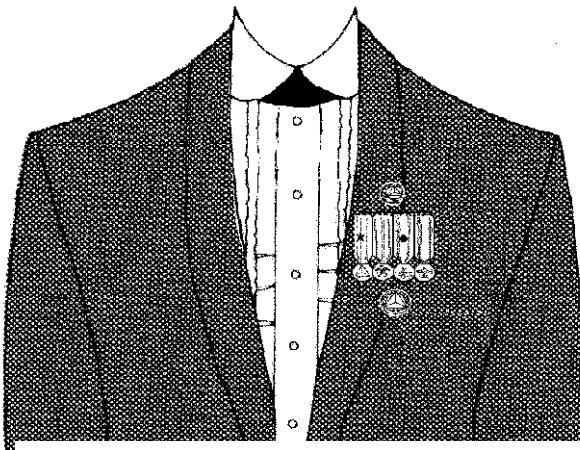
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Incumbent Command
Primary Qualification
Miniature Medals
Secondary Qualification
Post-Tour Command



Dinner Dress Blue or White

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Secondary Qualification
Post-Tour Command

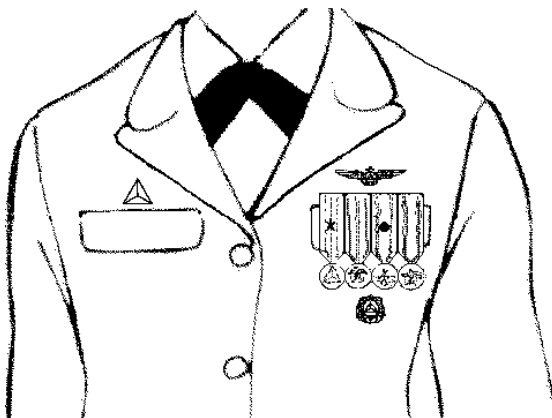
PROPER WEAR OF BREAST INSIGNIA WITH MINIATURE MEDALS (FEMALE)



**Formal Dress; Dinner Dress
Jacket (Blue or White)**

The holding bar of the lowest row of medals is positioned in the same relative position as on Dinner Dress White or Blue. Medals are centered on the lapel, except that when the width of the row is wider than the lapel, the inboard medal is positioned at the inside edge and the row may extend beyond the outboard edge of the lapel.

Shown with:
Primary Qualification
Miniature Medals
Post-Tour Command



Dinner Dress Blue or White

The holding bar of the lowest row of medals is positioned 1/4" above the pocket flap.

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Incumbent Command
Primary Qualification
Miniature Medals
Secondary Qualification

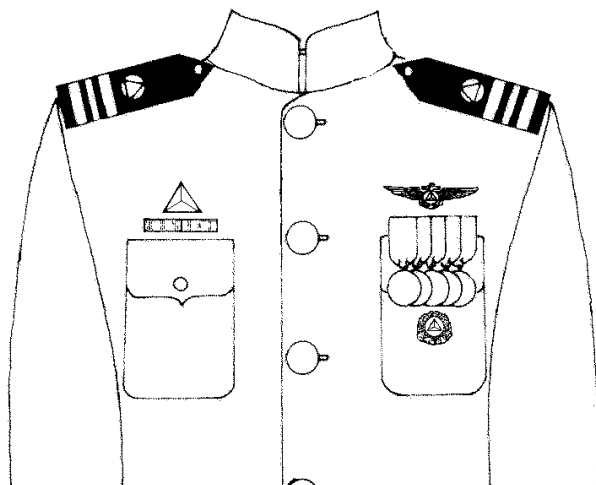
PROPER WEAR OF BREAST INSIGNIA WITH LARGE MEDALS (MALE)



Full Dress Blue or White

Decorations and service awards for which no large medals are authorized are worn as ribbon bars on the right breast. medals are overlapped when more than three per row are worn. Post-Tour Command insignia is worn below medals or secondary qualification insignia.

Shown with:
 Ribbon Bars
 Primary Qualification
 Large Medals
 Post-Tour Command

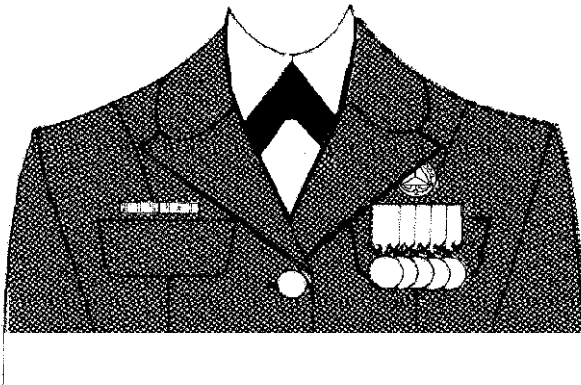


Full Dress Blue or White

On Full Dress White, no breast insignia shall extend below the lower seam of the pocket.

Shown with:
 Incumbent Command
 Ribbon Bars
 Primary Qualification
 Large Medals
 Secondary Qualification

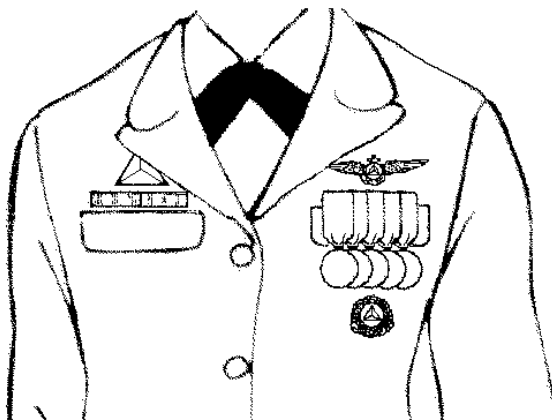
PROPER WEAR OF BREAST INSIGNIA WITH LARGE MEDALS (FEMALE)



Full Dress Blue or White

Post-Tour Command insignia is worn above medals or primary qualification insignia.

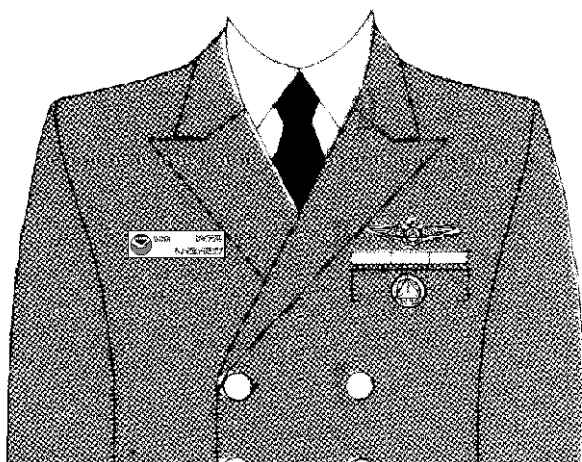
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Ribbon Bars
Post-Tour Command
Large Medals



Full Dress Blue or White

Shown with:
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Ribbon Bars
Primary Qualification
Large Medals
Secondary Qualification

PROPER WEAR OF BREAST INSIGNIA WITH RIBBON BARS (MALE)

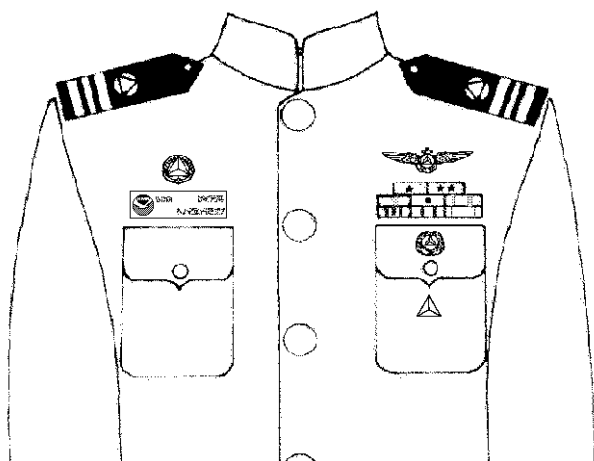


Service Dress Blue or White

When a second qualification insignia is not worn, Post-Tour Command insignia is worn in the secondary position.

Shown with:

Name Tag
Primary Qualification
Ribbon Bars
Post-Tour Command



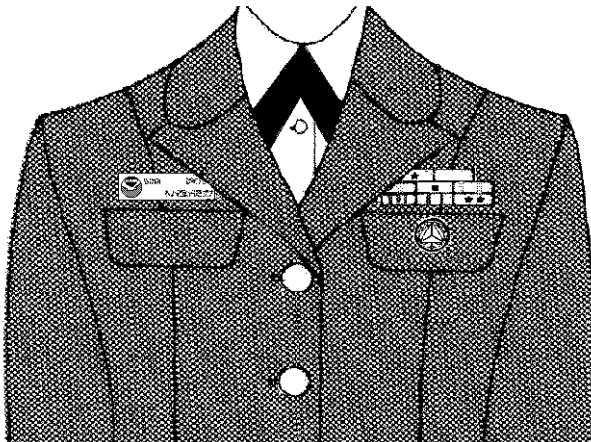
Service Dress Blue or White

When two qualification insignia are worn, Post-Tour Command insignia is positioned below the secondary qualification insignia. Position of dive and aviation qualification insignia may be reversed at the officer's discretion.

Shown with:

Incumbent Command
Name Tag
Primary Qualification
Ribbon Bars
Secondary Qualification
Post-Tour Command

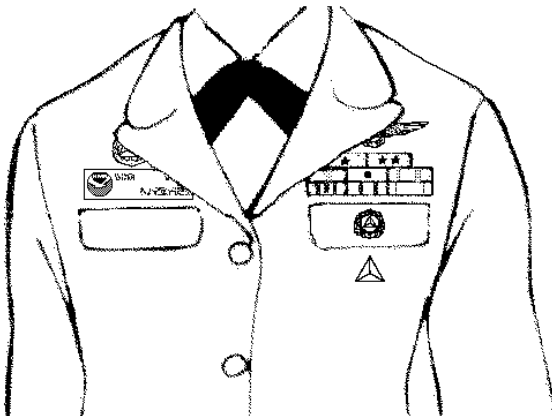
PROPER WEAR OF BREAST INSIGNIA WITH RIBBON BARS (FEMALE)



Service Dress Blue or White

If second qualification insignia is not worn, Post-Tour Command insignia is positioned on the pocket flap.

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Name Tag
Ribbon Bars
Post-Tour Command

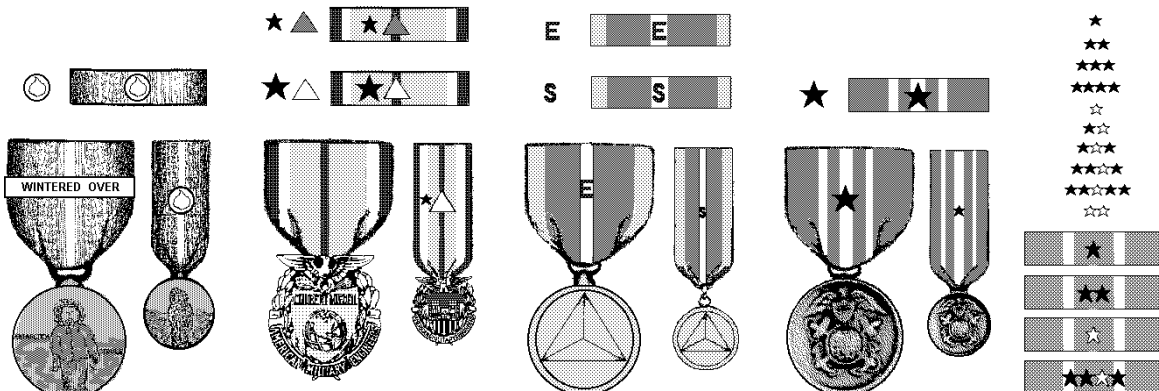


Service Dress Blue or White

Shown with:
Incumbent Command
Name Tag
Primary Qualification
Ribbon Bars
Secondary Qualification
Post-Tour Command

PLACEMENT OF ATTACHMENTS ON MEDALS AND RIBBON BARS

Attachment	Placement	
Clasp, Wintered-Over (Bronze, Gold, or Silver) (AASM)	Center symmetrically on large medal. Wear one only.	
Disk, Antarctica (Bronze, Gold, or Silver) (AASM)	Center on miniature medal or ribbon bar. Wear one only.	
Letter "E", Bronze, 3/16" and 1/8" (ACOE)	Center 3/16" size on ribbon bar or large medal. Center 1/8" size on miniature medal. Wear one only.	
Letter "S", Bronze, 3/16" and 1/8" (ACOS)	Center 3/16" size on ribbon bar or large medal. Center 1/8" size on miniature medal. Wear one only.	
Star, Bronze, 3/16" and 1/8" (unit and service awards)	3/16" size is worn on large medal or ribbon bar. 1/8" size is worn on miniature medal.	Star is worn centered, point up. Multiple stars are placed side by side, the group centered. With silver star, 1st additional bronze or gold star is placed to viewer's left, 2nd to right, 3rd to left, etc.
Star, Gold, 5/16" and 1/8" (personal decorations)	5/16" size is worn on large medal or ribbon bar. 1/8" size is worn on miniature medal.	
Star, Silver, 5/16", 3/16", 1/8" (in lieu of 5 bronze or gold stars)	Size worn corresponds to size of gold or bronze stars being replaced.	
Triangle, Silver (COLB, NCIS)	Wear one only, centered, point up. Multiple Colbert awards are indicated with gold stars, the triangle remaining centered on the ribbon bar or miniature medal. Multiple NCIS awards are indicated with bronze stars, the triangle remaining centered on the ribbon bar.	
Triangle, Bronze (KARO)	Wear one only, centered, point up. Multiple awards are indicated with bronze stars, the triangle remaining centered on the ribbon bar.	



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12701 GENERAL

A. Certain decorations and service awards have been authorized for NOAA Corps officers. Officers who have been awarded such decorations or service awards may wear them on specific uniforms in the manner prescribed.

B. Awards issued by any Department of the U.S. Government are authorized for wear. Awards issued by outside organizations or foreign governments, specifically for official performance of duty, may be approved by the Director, NC on a case-by-case basis.

C. Members of other uniformed services serving with NOAA are eligible for certain Department of Commerce, NOAA, and NOAA Corps awards as specified herein. Authorization to wear awards is at the discretion of the member's parent service.

12702 DEFINITIONS

A. **Award** - An all-inclusive term covering all decorations, medals, badges, ribbon bars, and their appurtenances.

B. **Decoration** - An award to an individual for a specific act of heroism or meritorious service.

C. **Service Award** - An award to an individual or group signifying arduous or remote duty.

12703 PERSONAL DECORATIONS

A. **Department of Commerce Gold Medal** - The highest honorary award of the Department. An individual, group, or organizational decoration for rare and distinguished contributions of major significance to the Department, the Nation, or the World, or for heroism involving jeopardy of life. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded to individuals or groups only. Awarding authority is the Secretary of Commerce. See DAO 202-451, Appendix G.

B. **Department of Commerce Silver Medal** - An individual, group, or organizational decoration for meritorious contributions of unusual value to the Department or unusual courage or competence in an emergency. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded to individuals or groups only. Awarding authority is the Secretary of Commerce. See DAO 202-451, Appendix G.

C. **Department of Commerce Bronze Medal** - The highest honorary award of NOAA. An individual, group, or organizational decoration for significant contributions to NOAA in science, technology or administration; development of methods, procedures or devices; or highly competent performance for at least 5 years. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded to individuals or groups only. Awarding authority is the Administrator, NOAA. See NAO 202-451.

D. **NOAA Administrator's Award** - An individual decoration recognizing significant contributions in engineering and application, program administration and management, scientific research and achievement, public service, or equal employment opportunity. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded. Awarding authority is the Administrator, NOAA. See NAO 202-451.

E. **NOAA Corps Commendation Medal** - The highest honorary award of the NOAA Corps. An individual decoration recognizing significant heroic, meritorious or professional service or achievement, warranting greater recognition than the NOAA Special Achievement Award. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded. Awarding authority is the Director, NC. See 12701 - Attachment 2.

F. **NOAA Special Achievement Award** - An individual decoration recognizing a NOAA employee or group for Sustained Superior Performance or for a Special Act. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded. Awarding authority is the chain of command. See 12701 - Attachment 2 and DAO 202-451, Appendices A and E.

G. **NOAA Corps Director's Ribbon** - An individual decoration for noteworthy achievements meriting recognition of lesser extent than the NOAA Special Achievement Award. Ribbon bars are awarded. Awarding authority is the Director, NC. See 12701 - Attachment 2.

12704 UNIT AWARDS

NOAA Unit Citation - A group award recognizing employees in NOAA who, through their individual and collective efforts, have made substantive contributions to the programs or objectives for which NOAA was established. Ribbon bars are awarded. Officers who were attached to the unit during the period for which a citation was awarded will receive the ribbon bars by documenting such service for the Director, CPC. Awarding authority is the appropriate Assistant Administrator or NOAA Staff or Program Office Director. See NAO 202-451.

12705 NON-GOVERNMENT DECORATIONS

A. **NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers (ACO) Awards**

(1) **Junior Officer of the Year Award** - An individual decoration awarded annually to a NOAA Corps officer, below the grade of lieutenant commander, to recognize outstanding contributions to NOAA, outstanding performance, and/or the positive reflection cast by the recipient upon the NOAA Corps. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded. Selection and award are made annually by the Executive Committee of the National ACO. See 12701 - Attachment 3.

(2) **Science Award** - An individual decoration recognizing an outstanding scientific contribution made by an officer. This award is distinguished from the Junior Officer of the Year Award by a bronze-colored "S" attached to the large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bar. Selection and award are made by the Executive Committee of the National ACO. See 12701 - Attachment 3.

(3) **Engineering Award** - An individual decoration recognizing an outstanding engineering contribution made by an officer. This award is distinguished from the Junior Officer of the Year Award by a bronze-colored "E" attached to the large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bar. Selection and award are made by the Executive Committee of the National ACO. See 12701 - Attachment 3.

B. Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Awards

(1) **Colbert Medal** - An individual award recognizing a member of the National Ocean Service, officer or civilian, active or retired, for the most outstanding contribution to military engineering through achievement in design, construction, administration, research, or development. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded. A silver-colored triangle on the SAME miniature medal and SAME ribbon bar denotes the Colbert Medal. Selection is made by special committee appointed by the designated Service Chief. Award is made by SAME. See 12701 - Attachment 3.

(2) **Karo Award** - A group award presented annually by SAME to a field unit of the National Ocean Service that has made an outstanding contribution in an engineering or scientific field. A plaque is awarded to the unit; ribbon bars representing the Karo Award are awarded to officers in the group upon receipt of documentation by CPC. A bronze-colored triangle on the SAME ribbon bar denotes the Karo Award. Selection is made by special committee appointed by the designated Service Chief. Award is made by the designated Service Chief. See 12701 - Attachment 3.

12706 CAMPAIGN AND SERVICE AWARDS

A. The following awards are available to active-duty NOAA Corps officers when the eligibility criteria used by the authorizing service or organization have been met:

(1) **Antarctica Service Medal** - A service award recognizing the performance of significant service and the sharing of the hardships and hazards of operations in Antarctica. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded. See 12701 - Attachment 4.

(2) **Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal** - A service award recognizing the performance of significant service and the sharing of the hardships and hazards of operations in the Arctic. A large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars are awarded. See 12701 - Attachment 4.

(3) **Sea Service Deployment Ribbon** - A service award recognizing the unique and demanding nature of sea service and the arduous duty attendant with extended deployments. Ribbon bars are awarded. See 12701 - Attachment 4.

B. The following NOAA Corps awards are authorized when the criteria have been met:

(1) **NOAA Corps Atlantic Service Ribbon** - A service award recognizing a sea duty assignment aboard a NOAA vessel operating in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Great Lakes or adjacent waters. Ribbon bars are awarded. See 12701 - Attachment 4.

(2) **NOAA Corps Pacific Service Ribbon** - A service award recognizing a sea duty assignment aboard a NOAA vessel operating in the waters of the Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Bering Sea, or adjacent waters. Ribbon bars are awarded. See 12701 - Attachment 4.

(3) **NOAA Corps Mobile Duty Service Ribbon** - A service award recognizing a mobile duty assignment in the United States, its possessions or territories. Ribbon bars are awarded. See 12701 - Attachment 4.

(4) **NOAA Corps International Service Ribbon** - A service award recognizing an assignment involving international service aboard ship or on land. Ribbon bars are awarded. See 12701 - Attachment 4.

C. Other campaign and service awards received for duty with the Armed Forces or other Federal agencies may be worn. If worn, they shall follow the Order of Precedence in 12701 - Attachment 1. If awarded for a war, campaign, expedition, etc., they shall be worn in their chronological sequence.

12707 MARKSMANSHIP AWARDS

A. **NOAA Rifle and Pistol Qualification Ribbons** - Individual recognition (ribbon bars are awarded) for rifle or pistol qualification, signifying successful completion of:

- (1) NOAA-prescribed training; or
- (2) any other service-approved qualification course.

B. No medals are authorized for NOAA qualification. The "E" and "S" attachments are not authorized on the NOAA rifle and pistol qualification ribbon bars.

C. Marksmanship medals, ribbon bars, and attachments from other services may be worn in lieu of NOAA ribbon bars only if specifically authorized by the respective services. However, only one rifle and one pistol award may be worn at a time. Marksmanship badges shall not be worn.

12708 OTHER AWARDS AND BADGES

A. **Professional organization awards** - Awards received from nongovernmental sources, solely for NOAA-related professional performance, may be approved for wear by the Director, NC. Authorization shall be on a case-by-case basis after an examination of the criteria used and after the suitability of the award has been established.

B. **Foreign awards** - Officers who have been specifically authorized by the Director, NC to accept awards from foreign governments may wear such awards.

C. **Awards and badges of societies and various organizations** - Awards and badges of military societies, veterans organizations, and civilian organizations not provided for in the above paragraphs may be worn on the uniform **only** while the individual is attending meetings or conventions of the awarding society or organization, or while participating in parades or other ceremonies as a member of:

(1) American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or other officially recognized veteran's organizations.

(2) Technical societies, such as the Society of American Military Engineers.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR AWARDS

A. The Order of Precedence of awards that may be authorized for NOAA Corps officers is indicated below. Awards given by the Department of Commerce, NOAA, and the NOAA Corps are indicated by bolded, uppercase letters.

B. Personal Decorations

Medal of Honor

Navy Cross; Distinguished Service Cross; Air Force Cross

Presidential Medal of Freedom

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

COMMERCE GOLD MEDAL

Distinguished Service Medals (Armed Forces)

Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal

Silver Star Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

COMMERCE SILVER MEDAL

Public Health Service Meritorious Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross

Navy-Marine Corps Medal; Soldier's Medal; Airman's

Medal; Coast Guard Medal

Gold Lifesaving Medal

Bronze Star Medal

Purple Heart Medal

National Security Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

COMMERCE BRONZE MEDAL

Meritorious Service Medals (Armed Forces)

Public Health Service Outstanding Service Medal

Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Silver Lifesaving Medal

NOAA ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD MEDAL

Joint Service Commendation Medal

NOAA CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

Commendation Medals (Uniformed Services)

Joint Service Achievement Medal

NOAA SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Achievement Medals (Uniformed Services)

National Medal of Science

NOAA CORPS DIRECTOR'S RIBBON

Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon

Public Health Service Citation

Merchant Marine Mariner's Medal

Combat Action Ribbon

C. **Unit Awards** (no medals authorized)

Presidential Unit Citation
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
NOAA UNIT CITATION
Navy Unit Commendation
Army Valorous Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Secretary of Transportation's Award for
Outstanding Achievement
Coast Guard Unit Commendation
Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Citation
Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation
Public Health Service Unit Commendation
Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation
Navy "E" Ribbon

D. **Non-Government Decorations**

NOAA ACO Junior Officer of the Year Award
NOAA ACO Science/Engineering Award
Society of American Military Engineers Colbert Medal
Society of American Military Engineers Karo Award

E. **Campaign and Service Awards**

Prisoner of War Medal
Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon
Air Force Recognition Ribbon
Good Conduct Medals: Navy, Marine Corps, Army,
Air Force, Coast Guard
Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal
Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal
Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal
(formerly USCG Reserve Meritorious Service Ribbon)
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
Navy Fleet Marine Force Ribbon
Expeditionary Medals
Navy Occupation Service Medal
Medal for Humane Action
National Defense Service Medal
Korean Service Medal
Merchant Marine Korean Service Bar
Antarctica Service Medal
Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Vietnam Service Medal
Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Bar
Humanitarian Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
Army Overseas Ribbon
Air Force Overseas Ribbon (long tour replaces short tour)
NOAA CORPS ATLANTIC SERVICE RIBBON
NOAA CORPS PACIFIC SERVICE RIBBON
NOAA CORPS MOBILE DUTY SERVICE RIBBON
NOAA CORPS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE RIBBON
Public Health Service Foreign Duty Service Award
Public Health Service Hazardous Duty Service Award
Public Health Service Isolated Hardship Service Award
Public Health Service Special Assignment Service Award
Public Health Service Smallpox Eradication Campaign Ribbon
Public Health Service Crisis Response Service Award
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon
Navy Arctic Service Ribbon
Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Naval Reserve Medal
Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon
Air Force Longevity Service Award
Air Force NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon
Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon
Coast Guard Basic Training Honor Graduate
Air Force Basic Military Training Honor Graduate
Army Service Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon
Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon

F. **Foreign Personal Decorations**

G. **Foreign Unit Awards** (no medals authorized)

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
Korean Presidential Unit Citation
Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation
Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Cross
of Gallantry
Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Civil
Actions Medal Color

H. **Non-U.S. Service Awards**

United Nations Service Medal
United Nations Medal
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

I. Marksmanship Awards

NOAA CORPS RIFLE RIBBON or Rifle Ribbons (Armed Forces)
NOAA CORPS PISTOL RIBBON or Pistol Ribbons (Armed Forces)

J. Awards of Military Societies or Other Organizations

K. Badges of Military Societies or Other Organizations

L. The Director, NC will resolve any individual questions regarding the wearing and precedence of decorations, medals, awards, ribbons, or badges not listed above.

PERSONAL DECORATIONS**A. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GOLD MEDAL (GOLD*)**

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - The highest honorary award granted by the Secretary. Awarded to an individual, group, or Commerce organization for extraordinary achievements in support of the critical objectives of the Department with a significant beneficial effect on the Nation or the world. To warrant a Gold Medal, a contribution must meet at least one of the following criteria:

(a) **Achievement of critical program goals** far surpassing expectations, marked by unusual creativity, energy, or persistence, contributing significantly to the welfare of the Nation;

(b) **Unusually outstanding leadership or management** that results in dramatic improvement in productivity, program effectiveness, or quality of the Department's service to the Nation;

(c) **Scientific or technological breakthroughs** that resolve longstanding problems or radically advance the state-of-the-art;

(d) **Highly distinguished authorship or editorship** that affects the primary principles of the discipline involved, opens up new fields of inquiry, or redefines major issues of investigation; or

(e) **Heroic action involving jeopardy of life.**

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Performance-based, honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure** - See DAO 202-451, Appendix G.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - See DAO 202-451, Appendix G.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) The Department of Commerce presents a medallion and a certificate. CPC provides a large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars.

* Award acronyms in this attachment are used by CPC for service record entries.

(c) Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars

(1) A 5/16-inch gold-colored star worn on the large medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award.

(2) A 1/8-inch gold-colored star worn on the miniature medal suspension ribbon denotes each subsequent award.

B. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SILVER MEDAL (SILV)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - The second highest honorary award granted by the Secretary. Awarded to an individual, group, or Commerce organization for major contributions of exceptional value in support of the Department's overall goals in service to the Nation. To warrant a Silver Medal, a contribution must meet at least one of the following criteria:

(a) **Achievement of important program goals**, marked by excellence of performance and quality of results exceeding expectations;

(b) **Superior leadership or management** resulting in substantial improvements in productivity, program effectiveness, or the quality of the Department's service;

(c) **Scientific or technological contributions** that significantly advance the understanding, knowledge, or mastery of a given discipline;

(d) **Exceptionally meritorious authorship or editorship** that contributes significantly to the body of knowledge in a given field; or

(e) **Unusual courage or competence in an emergency.**

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Performance-based, honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure** - See DAO 202-451, Appendix G.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - See DAO 202-451, Appendix G.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) The Department of Commerce presents a medallion and a certificate. CPC provides a large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars.

(c) Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars

(1) A 5/16-inch gold-colored star worn on the large medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award.

(2) A 1/8-inch gold-colored star worn on the miniature medal suspension ribbon denotes each subsequent award.

C. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BRONZE MEDAL (BRON)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - The highest honorary award of NOAA, granted by the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere. Awarded to an individual, group, or organization for significant contributions to NOAA. Contributions must meet one or more of the following criteria:

(a) **Accomplishment of improvements in management systems** that are more effective or more efficient;

(b) **Demonstration of unusual or creative ability** in the development and improvement of methods and procedures;

(c) **Significant contribution** affecting major programs or a scientific accomplishment; or

(d) **Superior accomplishment of assigned tasks** for at least five consecutive years.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Performance-based, honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure** - See NAO 202-451.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - See NAO 202-451.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) NOAA presents a medallion and a certificate. CPC provides a large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars.

(c) Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars

(1) A 5/16-inch gold-colored star worn on the large medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award.

(2) A 1/8-inch gold-colored star worn on the miniature medal suspension ribbon denotes each subsequent award.

D. NOAA ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD (NAAM)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - An individual award granted by the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere in recognition of significant contributions to NOAA programs. Areas in which significant contributions to NOAA programs will be considered for an Administrator's Award include: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), program management, scientific research, public service, engineering development, environmental conservation, policy development, administrative support, public affairs, and information systems.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Honorary, monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure** - See NAO 202-451.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - See NAO 202-451.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) NOAA presents a plaque. CPC provides a large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars.

(c) Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars

(1) A 5/16-inch gold-colored star worn on the large medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award.

(2) A 1/8-inch gold-colored star worn on the miniature medal suspension ribbon denotes each subsequent award.

E. NOAA CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL (NCCM)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - The highest honorary award of the NOAA Corps. Awarded to a member of the NOAA Corps, or a member of another uniformed service detailed, assigned, or attached to NOAA, who distinguishes him/herself by heroic or meritorious acts or service. To merit this award, service must be accomplished or performed in an exemplary manner above that normally expected and must be sufficient to distinguish the individual from those performing similar services. Acts must reflect the preservation of life or property. Acts or service must be of such merit as to warrant more tangible recognition than is possible by the NOAA Special Achievement Award, as follows:

(a) **Acts of heroism** worthy of special recognition, but not to the degree required for the U. S. Department of Commerce (DOC) Gold or Silver Medals.

(b) **Meritorious or outstanding achievement** worthy of special recognition, but not to the degree required for the DOC Bronze Medal or the NOAA Administrator's Award Medal. The achievement should constitute a definite contribution to the Government, such as an invention or an improvement in design, procedure, or organization.

(c) **Meritorious service** worthy of special recognition, but not to the degree required for the DOC Bronze Medal or the NOAA Administrator's Award Medal. The service should be superior to that usually expected of an individual commensurate with his/her grade. The service may cover an extended period of time. Award is based on the circumstances and conditions under which the service was performed.

(d) **Professional achievement** that merits special recognition. This can include: conferral of advanced degrees (excluding Government-sponsored education); significant honors from other institutions; implementation of new processes; or other contributions that enhance the missions of DOC, NOAA, or the NOAA Corps.

(e) **Leadership** that merits special recognition. Leadership must be sustained so as to demonstrate a high state of development; be of such merit as to earn singular recognition; and reflect most creditably on the efforts of the individual toward accomplishment of the unit mission.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Honorary, non-monetary.

(3) Nomination Procedure

(a) Initiated by an individual employed, assigned, or attached to NOAA or DOC; or initiated as a result of the Annual Review of the Lineal List.

(b) Transmitted via memorandum through the nominee's supervisor, to the Director, CPC for initial screening. The memorandum shall state specifically which eligibility requirement(s) was/were met and how this was accomplished by the officer.

(c) Nominations should be made within 90 days of performance of the act or end of the period of service.

(4) Selection Procedure - Requires review and favorable recommendation by the NOAA Corps Uniform and Awards Board and approval by the Director, NC.

(5) Issuance and Manner of Wear

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) CPC provides a certificate, large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars. Medals are issued for first award only.

(c) Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars

(1) A 5/16-inch gold-colored star worn on the large medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award.

(2) A 1/8-inch gold-colored star worn on the miniature medal suspension ribbon denotes each subsequent award.

F. NOAA SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (NSAA)

(1) Eligibility Requirements - Awarded to NOAA civilian employees, NOAA Corps officers, and members of other uniformed services assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA. The award is given for professional and/or leadership achievement based on sustained performance or specific achievement of a superlative nature, and shall be of such merit as to warrant more tangible recognition than is possible by the NOAA Corps Director's Ribbon, but which does not warrant a NOAA Corps Commendation Medal or higher award.

(a) **Performance-Based Recognition for NOAA Corps Officers (Sustained Superior Performance)** - For high-level performance based on the officer's most recent Fitness Report. To qualify, the officer must have an overall performance rating of Outstanding or Excellent in at least 7 of the 10 evaluation areas and an overall rating score of 80 or more points. However, an overall rating score of 80 or more points is **not** an entitlement to an award.

(b) **Superior Accomplishment Awards (Special Act or Service Awards, Suggestion Awards, and Invention Awards)** - For a contribution resulting in tangible benefits or savings, or intangible benefits to the Government. "Contribution" means an accomplishment achieved through an individual or group effort.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Performance-based, honorary, monetary or non-monetary. Monetary awards are not made to non-NOAA employees.

(3) **Nomination Procedure**

(a) Initiated by an individual employed, assigned, or attached to NOAA or the U. S. Department of Commerce.

(b) Nominations shall be typed and submitted on form CD-326, Recommendation for Recognition (revised 7-89).

(1 Organization and task codes of the nominating office **must** be provided in block 5 if the award includes cash.

(2 If the nomination recognizes sustained superior performance, check "other" and specify "sustained superior performance" in block 7.

(3 Limits to the maximum permissible cash award are linked directly to the summary rating score of the officer's Fitness Report and are calculated as a percentage of base pay [DAO 202-451]. The allowed ranges for performance awards for NOAA Corps officers are:

Rating Score	Award Range
(Evaluation Areas)	(Percent of Base Pay)
80-89	up to 3%
90-95	up to 6%
96-100	up to 10%

If a performance award is based on an appraisal period that is less than a full year, then the allowed award range given in the table must be reduced in proportion to the length of the appraisal period. The nominator's selected cash award amount is given in block 7. If the nomination is for a "Special Act or Service" the boxes checked in block 8 must be suitable to the cash amount entered in block 7.

(4 The officer's immediate supervisor **must** sign his/her approval in block 13.

(5 The reviewing official (as necessary) signs his/her approval in block 14.

(6 The approving official **must** sign his/her approval in block 15. This official shall be different from the immediate supervisor signing in block 13.

(7 Block 17, Personnel Office Representative, is for CPC use.

(c) **Approved** nominations for performance-based recognition **must** be received by the servicing personnel office (CPC) within 90 days of the end of the performance appraisal period.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - Selection and approval is by the chain of command identified by signatures in blocks 13, 14, and 15 of the CD-326. Approved nominations require technical review and authorization by CPC.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) CPC provides a certificate, large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars. Medals are issued for first award only.

(c) Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars

(1 A 5/16-inch gold-colored star worn on the large medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 5/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award.

(2 A 1/8-inch gold-colored star worn on the miniature medal suspension ribbon denotes each subsequent award. A 1/8-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award.

(6) **Additional information** regarding this award is provided in DAO 202-451 (August 16, 1990). The CPC Awards and Medals Custodian may be able to assist supervisors with completion of the CD-326 and resolve minor problems over the telephone. Supervisors are encouraged to include a telephone number in block 13.

G. NOAA CORPS DIRECTOR'S RIBBON (NCDR)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Awarded to a NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service detailed, assigned, or attached to NOAA, in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments in the performance of duty of a lesser order than that required for the NOAA Special Achievement Award, as follows:

(a) **Unusual or substantial accomplishment** set apart from others in the same or similar circumstances.

(b) **Sustained exemplary performance** set apart from others in the same or similar circumstances.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure**

(a) Initiated by an individual employed, assigned or attached to NOAA or DOC; or initiated as a result of the Annual Review of the Lineal List.

(b) Transmitted via memorandum through the nominee's supervisor, to the Director, CPC for initial screening. The memorandum shall state specifically which eligibility requirement(s) was met and how this was accomplished by the officer.

(c) Nominations should be made within 90 days of performance of the act or end of the period of service.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - Requires review and favorable recommendation by the NOAA Corps Uniform and Awards Board and approval by the Director, NC.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) CPC provides a certificate and ribbon bars.

(c) Attachments to Ribbon Bars - A 5/16-inch gold-colored star worn on the ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 5/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award.

UNIT AWARDS AND NON-GOVERNMENT DECORATIONS**A. NOAA UNIT CITATION (NUCA*)**

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Awarded to a group of employees who, because of their individual and collective efforts, have made substantive contributions to NOAA's programs. Consideration for a Unit Citation is given, but not limited to those contributions which:

(a) are outstanding enough to bring unusual credit and/or favorable attention to NOAA and the Department of Commerce;

(b) result in greatly advancing or furthering NOAA programs;

(c) accomplish significant savings or improvements in NOAA's operating programs; and

(d) represent outstanding service to the public.

(2) **Type of recognition** - Honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure** - Submitted by the nominator on form CD-326, Recommendation for Recognition (revised 7-89) through channels to the appropriate Assistant Administrator or NOAA Staff or Program Office Director.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - Approval is given by the Assistant Administrator or NOAA Staff or Program Office Director, as appropriate.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) NOAA presents a certificate. CPC provides ribbon bars.

(c) **Attachments to Ribbon Bars** - A 3/16-inch bronze-colored star worn on the ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 3/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award.

(6) **Additional Information** - See NAO 202-451.

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B. NOAA ACO - JUNIOR OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD (ACOF)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Awarded annually to a NOAA Corps officer, below the grade of lieutenant commander, to recognize outstanding contributions to NOAA, outstanding performance, and/or the positive reflection cast by the recipient upon the NOAA Corps. Officers who are promoted to lieutenant commander during the calendar year for which the award is made are eligible.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure**

(a) Nominations are solicited by the National ACO in the first quarter of each calendar year for the immediately preceding calendar year.

(b) Any supervisor (not limited to immediate supervisor) under whom the nominee is serving, or any officer senior in rank to the nominee, may nominate that officer to receive the award. More than one nomination may be made by each supervisor or senior officer. Nomination should be made for an officer who, by his/her actions, demonstrated outstanding qualities of personal and/or Corps development. This may include performance of assigned duties, academic achievement, scientific advancement of a NOAA mission, public service, and/or other exemplary achievements.

(c) The nomination shall consist of at least two pages, the first a cover memo addressed to the National ACO and containing the name, grade, duty title, and job description of the nominated officer. The following page(s) shall be the personal comments of the supervisor, which reflect the basis for the nomination. Criteria on which the supervisor may want to expound include daily job performance, officer bearing, active participation in NOAA Corps-related activities, extra-curricular activities, and any other noteworthy characteristics.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - Selection shall be made by the Executive Committee of the National ACO.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) ACO presents a certificate, large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars.

C. NOAA ACO - SCIENCE AWARD (ACOS)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Awarded to a NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA, who has distinguished him/herself by making **outstanding scientific contribution(s)** that distinguish the individual above those performing similar services.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure**

(a) Nominations are solicited by the National ACO in the first quarter of each calendar year for the immediately preceding calendar year.

(b) Any commissioned officer, or any supervisor under whom the officer is serving, may nominate the officer to receive the award.

(c) The nomination shall consist of at least two pages, the first a cover memo addressed to the National ACO and containing the name, grade, duty title, and job description of the nominated officer. The following page(s) shall be the personal comments of the supervisor, and should specify the award for which the nomination is being made, the nature of the contribution or achievement, and its significance in relation to the missions of the nominee's unit, NOAA, and/or the NOAA Corps.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - Selection shall be made by the Executive Committee of the National ACO.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) ACO presents a certificate, large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars.

(c) **Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars**

(1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored "S" is worn on the large medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar.

(2) A 1/8-inch bronze-colored "S" is worn on the miniature medal suspension ribbon.

D. NOAA ACO - ENGINEERING AWARD (ACOE)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Awarded to a NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA, who has distinguished him/herself by making **outstanding engineering contribution(s)** that distinguish the individual above those performing similar services.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure**

(a) Nominations are solicited by the National ACO in the first quarter of each calendar year for the immediately preceding calendar year.

(b) Any commissioned officer, or any supervisor under whom the officer is serving, may nominate the officer to receive the award.

(c) The nomination shall consist of at least two pages, the first a cover memo addressed to the National ACO and containing the name, grade, duty title, and job description of the nominated officer. The following page(s) shall be the personal comments of the supervisor, and should specify the award for which the nomination is being made, the nature of the contribution or achievement, and its significance in relation to the missions of the nominee's unit, NOAA, and/or the NOAA Corps.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - Selection shall be made by the Executive Committee of the National ACO.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) ACO presents a certificate, large medal, miniature medal, and ribbon bars.

(c) **Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars**

(1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored "E" is worn on the large medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar.

(2) A 1/8-inch bronze-colored "E" is worn on the miniature medal suspension ribbon.

E. SAME COLBERT MEDAL (COLB)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Awarded annually to a member of the National Ocean Service, officer or civilian, active or retired, in recognition of the most outstanding contribution to military engineering through achievement in design, construction, administration, research, or development.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedure**

(a) Nominations are solicited by the designated Service Chief at the beginning of each calendar year for the immediately preceding calendar year.

(b) Nominations may be initiated by any NOAA employee. Nominations shall be submitted through channels to the appropriate Assistant Administrator or NOAA Staff or Program Office Director, who forwards the nominations to the designated Service Chief.

(c) The nomination shall consist of at least two pages, beginning with a concise sentence stating the reason for the award and followed by a more detailed description of the contributions or achievements and their significance to engineering and science.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - Nominations are screened and final selection made by a special committee appointed by the designated Service Chief. Following approval by the designated Service Chief, nominations are forwarded to the Executive Director, Society of American Military Engineers, for validation and award.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) SAME presents a certificate and a large SAME Colbert medal. CPC provides a SAME miniature medal, ribbon bars, and triangle attachments.

(c) Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars - A 3/16-inch silver-colored triangle is worn on the SAME miniature medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar.

F. SAME KARO AWARD (KARO)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Awarded annually to a field unit of the National Ocean Service which has made an outstanding contribution in an engineering or scientific field.

(2) **Type of Recognition** - Honorary, non-monetary.

(3) **Nomination Procedures**

(a) Nominations are solicited by the designated Service Chief at the beginning of each calendar year for the immediately preceding calendar year.

(b) Nominations may be initiated by any NOAA employee. Nominations shall be submitted through channels to the appropriate Assistant Administrator or NOAA Staff or Program Office Director, who forwards the nominations to the designated Service Chief.

(c) The nomination shall consist of at least two pages, beginning with a concise sentence stating the reason for the award and followed by a more detailed description of the contributions or achievements and their significance to military engineering/engineering and science. A list of all individuals attached to the unit during the award period shall be included with the nomination.

(4) **Selection Procedure** - Nominations are screened and final selection made by a special committee appointed by the designated Service Chief. Award is made by the designated Service Chief.

(5) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) CPC provides ribbon bars and triangle attachments.

(c) Attachments to Ribbon Bars

(1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored triangle is worn on the ribbon bar.

(2) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored star worn on the ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 3/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award.

CAMPAIGN, SERVICE, AND MARKSMANSHIP AWARDS**A. ANTARCTICA SERVICE MEDAL (AASM*)**

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Each person who, during the period subsequent to January 1, 1946, and a date to be ultimately established by the Secretary of Defense, meets the qualifications of any of the subparagraphs set forth below, shall be eligible to receive this medal. For the purpose of this paragraph, Antarctica is defined as the area south of latitude 60°S [Public Law 86-600, enacted July 7, 1960].

(a) Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or civilian citizen, national, or resident alien of the United States who, as a member of a U.S. expedition, participates in or has participated in scientific, direct support, or exploratory operations in Antarctica.

(b) Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or civilian citizen, national, or resident alien of the United States who participated in a foreign Antarctic expedition in Antarctica in coordination with a U.S. Antarctic expedition and who is or was under the sponsorship and approval of competent U.S. Government authority.

(c) Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who participates in or has participated in flights as a member of the crew of an aircraft flying to or from the Antarctic Continent in support of operations in Antarctica.

(d) Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or civilian citizen, national, or resident alien of the United States who serves or has served aboard a U. S. ship operating south of latitude 60°S in support of U. S. programs in Antarctica.

(e) Any person, including citizens of foreign nations, not fulfilling the qualifications under subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, but who participates in, or has participated in a U.S. Antarctic expedition in Antarctica at the invitation of a participating U.S. agency may be given the award by the Secretary of the Department under whose shore cognizance the expedition falls, provided the commander of the military support force as senior U.S. representative in Antarctica considers that this person has performed outstanding and exceptional service and shared the hardships and hazards of the expedition.

* Award acronyms in this attachment are used by CPC for service record entries.

(f) No minimum time limits of participation are required for eligibility for this medal before June 1, 1973. After June 1, 1973, minimum time limits for the award are 30 days under competent orders to duty at sea or ashore, south of latitude 60°S. Each day of duty under competent orders at an outlying station on the Antarctic Continent will count as 2 days when determining award eligibility. Flight crews of aircraft providing logistics support from outside the Antarctic area will receive no more than 1 day's credit for flights in and out during any 24-hour period. Days need not be consecutive.

(2) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Upon completion of the eligibility requirements, the commanding officer or officer in charge shall forward to the National Science Foundation (NSF), Office of Polar Programs, appropriate documentation, in letter form, listing the names of the participant(s), their social security numbers, and inclusive dates of qualification.

(b) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(c) NSF presents a certificate, a large medal, a ribbon bar, and some attachments to medals and ribbon bars. Miniature medals and other attachments may be purchased through many military uniform outlets.

(d) **Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars**

(1) **Clasps** - A bronze-colored clasp, 1/8-inch by 1-1/2 inches, with the words "Wintered Over" on the suspension ribbon of the large medal, denotes the first wintering over period. A gold-colored clasp of the same dimensions denotes the second wintering over period, and a silver-colored clasp of the same dimensions denotes the third or subsequent wintering over period. The clasp is worn centered on the suspension ribbon. Not more than one clasp shall be worn. (The winter period is from mid-March to early October.)

(2) **Disks** - A bronze-colored disk, 5/16-inch diameter, with an outline of the Antarctic continent inscribed thereon worn on the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal and on the ribbon bar denotes the first wintering over period. A gold-colored disk denotes the second wintering over period, and a silver-colored disk denotes the third or subsequent wintering over period. The disk is worn centered on the ribbon bar and the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal, peninsula pointing up. Not more than one disk shall be worn.

(e) The award may be made posthumously.

B. COAST GUARD ARCTIC SERVICE MEDAL (ARCT)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - The Director, NC is authorized to award the Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal to NOAA Corps officers who qualify in accordance with COMDTINST M1650.25, dated October 31, 1988 [USCG memoranda dated January 14, 1985, and November 18, 1985]. Requirements are as follows:

(a) Any NOAA Corps officer who, during summer operations (1 May to 31 October), serves or has served aboard a NOAA vessel operating in polar waters north of the Arctic Circle. Minimum time requirement, 21 consecutive days under competent orders.

(b) Any NOAA Corps officer who, during winter operations (1 November to 30 April), serves or has served aboard a NOAA vessel operating in polar waters north of latitude 60°N in the Bering Sea, Davis Strait, or Denmark Strait. Minimum time requirement, 21 consecutive days under competent orders.

(c) Any NOAA Corps officer who serves or has served in shore-based or flight operations north of the Arctic Circle. Minimum time requirement, 21 consecutive days under competent orders.

(2) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Upon completion of a deployment during which the eligibility requirements for this award have been met, the commanding officer or officer in charge shall forward to the Director, CPC appropriate documentation, in the form of a memorandum, listing the inclusive dates for which this medal has been authorized.

(b) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(c) CPC issues a large medal. Miniature medals and ribbon bars may be purchased through many military uniform outlets.

(d) Attachments to Medals and Ribbon Bars - For all qualifying deployments after January 1, 1989:

(1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored star worn on the large medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 3/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award.

(2) A 1/8-inch bronze-colored star worn on the miniature medal suspension ribbon denotes each subsequent award. A 1/8-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award.

(3) Only one award may be earned each deployment.

(e) The award may be made posthumously.

C. SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON (SSDR)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - The Director, NC is authorized to award the SSDR to NOAA Corps officers serving aboard commissioned ships, and to USPHS officers assigned to NOAA ships, who qualify in accordance with SECNAVINST 1650.1F, dated August 8, 1991 [USN memoranda dated November 18, 1980, and April 14, 1994]. Requirements are as follows:

(a) Twelve months accumulated sea duty, including temporary duty at sea, that includes at least one 90-consecutive-day deployment. Second and subsequent awards will be earned for each additional 12 months of sea duty in which a 90-consecutive-day deployment occurs. Periods in shipyard away from home port are not considered deployments.

(b) The SSDR is retroactive to August 15, 1974. No award is authorized for sea duty or deployments before August 15, 1974. Only one award may be earned for the period between August 15, 1974, and January 1, 1979, regardless of the number of years of sea duty or number of deployments made.

(c) After January 1, 1979, awards will be made as described in (a) above. The accumulated sea time for subsequent awards is reset to zero upon completion of both criteria for each award period. Ninety-day deployments may not be carried forward when accumulated sea time is reset.

(2) Issuance and Manner of Wear

(a) Upon completion of a ship deployment during which the eligibility requirements for this award have been met, the commanding officer or officer in charge may authorize and issue this award, and shall forward to the Director, CPC appropriate documentation listing the inclusive dates of the 12-month period and the 90-day deployment for which this ribbon has been authorized. Use of the Awards Authorization - Atlantic Fleet form, or Awards Authorization - Pacific Fleet form is strongly recommended.

(b) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt and verification of proper documentation.

(c) The command or CPC provides ribbon bars.

(d) Attachments to Ribbon Bars - A 3/16-inch bronze-colored star worn on the ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 3/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award.

(e) The award may be made posthumously.

D. NOAA CORPS ATLANTIC SERVICE RIBBON (NCAS)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Any NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA, who completes 180 days of a permanent sea assignment aboard a NOAA vessel operating in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Great Lakes or adjacent waters after January 1, 1946, shall be eligible to receive this ribbon. The Director, NC may waive the minimum time requirement.

(2) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Upon completion of the eligibility requirements the commanding officer may authorize and issue this award, and shall forward to the Director, CPC appropriate documentation listing the inclusive dates for which this ribbon has been authorized. Use of the Awards Authorization - Atlantic Fleet form or Awards Authorization - Pacific Fleet form is strongly recommended. A memorandum directed to the Director, CPC demonstrating how the eligibility requirements were met, may be substituted for the forms when referencing assignments commencing before January 1, 1986.

(b) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(c) The command or CPC provides ribbon bars.

(d) Attachments to Ribbon Bars - A 3/16-inch bronze-colored star worn on the ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 3/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award. Only one award is authorized for each tour of duty.

(e) The award may be made posthumously.

E. NOAA CORPS PACIFIC SERVICE RIBBON (NCPS)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Any NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA, who completes 180 days of a permanent sea assignment aboard a NOAA vessel operating in the waters of the Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Bering Sea, or adjacent waters after January 1, 1946, shall be eligible to receive this ribbon. The Director, NC may waive the minimum time requirement.

(2) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Upon completion of the eligibility requirements the commanding officer may authorize and issue this award, and shall forward to the Director, CPC appropriate documentation listing the inclusive dates for which this ribbon has been authorized. Use of the Awards Authorization - Pacific Fleet form or Awards Authorization - Atlantic Fleet form is strongly recommended. A memorandum directed to the Director, CPC demonstrating how the eligibility requirements were met, may be substituted for the forms when referencing assignments commencing before January 1, 1986.

(b) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(c) The command or CPC provides ribbon bars.

(d) Attachments to Ribbon Bars - A 3/16-inch bronze-colored star worn on the ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 3/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award. Only one award is authorized for each tour of duty.

(e) The award may be made posthumously.

F. NOAA CORPS MOBILE DUTY SERVICE RIBBON (NCMS)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Any NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA, who completes 180 days of a mobile duty assignment in the United States, its possessions or territories after January 1, 1946, shall be eligible to receive this ribbon. The Director, NC may waive the minimum time requirement.

(2) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) The Chief-of-Party or officer shall forward a memorandum to the Director, CPC demonstrating how the eligibility requirements were met.

(b) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(c) CPC provides ribbon bars.

(d) Attachments to Ribbon Bars - A 3/16-inch bronze-colored star worn on the ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 3/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award. Only one award is authorized for each tour of duty.

(e) The award may be made posthumously.

G. NOAA CORPS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE RIBBON (NCIS)**(1) Eligibility Requirements**

(a) Any NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA, who serves aboard a United States vessel operating in foreign or international waters, with at least one foreign in-port call, and participating in a foreign or international project as part of the deployment after January 1, 1946, shall be eligible to receive this ribbon. Minimum time requirement is 21 consecutive days under competent orders. Time includes foreign port calls but excludes transit to and from the United States, its territories, or possessions.

(b) Any NOAA Corps officer who serves aboard a foreign vessel or on operational duty, based in areas other than the United States, its territories or possessions. Minimum time requirement is 21 consecutive days under competent orders.

(c) Any NOAA Corps officer who completes an overseas permanent change of station (PCS) tour in an area other than the United States, its territories, or possessions.

(2) Issuance and Manner of Wear

(a) In the case or (1)(a) or (1)(b) above, upon completion of a ship deployment during which the eligibility requirements for this award have been met, the commanding officer or officer in charge may authorize and issue this award to those eligible, and shall forward to the Director, CPC appropriate documentation listing the inclusive dates for which this ribbon has been authorized. Use of the Awards Authorization - Atlantic Fleet form, or Awards Authorization -Pacific Fleet form is strongly recommended. A memorandum to the Director, CPC demonstrating how the eligibility requirements were met, may be substituted for the forms when referencing assignments commencing before January 1, 1986.

(b) In the case of (1)(c) above, upon completion of an overseas PCS tour, the officer shall forward to the Director, CPC a memorandum demonstrating how the eligibility requirements were met and copies of the endorsed travel orders to and from the overseas PCS location.

(c) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(d) The command or CPC provides ribbon bars.

(e) Attachments to Ribbon Bars

1. In the case of (1)(a) or (1)(b) above, a 3/16-inch bronze-colored star worn on the ribbon bar denotes each subsequent award. A 3/16-inch silver-colored star denotes a sixth award. Only one award is authorized for each tour of duty.

2. In the case of (1)(c) above, a 3/16-inch silver-colored triangle is worn on the ribbon bar. Only one triangular attachment is authorized.

(f) The award may be made posthumously.

H. NOAA CORPS RIFLE RIBBON (NCRR)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Any NOAA Corps officer who successfully completes NOAA-prescribed rifle training, or any other service-approved rifle qualification course, including watchstander courses. A rifle marksmanship ribbon bar and attachment from another service may be worn in lieu of the NOAA Corps Rifle Ribbon bar only if specifically authorized by that service.

(2) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) CPC provides ribbon bars.

(c) Attachments to Ribbon Bars - No attachments are authorized on the NOAA Corps Rifle Ribbon bar.

I. NOAA CORPS PISTOL RIBBON (NCPR)

(1) **Eligibility Requirements** - Any NOAA Corps officer who successfully completes NOAA-prescribed pistol training, or any other service-approved pistol qualification course, including watchstander courses. A pistol marksmanship ribbon bar and attachment from another service may be worn in lieu of the NOAA Corps Pistol Ribbon bar only if specifically authorized by that service.

(2) **Issuance and Manner of Wear**

(a) Appropriate service record entries will be made at CPC after receipt of proper documentation.

(b) CPC provides ribbon bars.

(c) Attachments to Ribbon Bars - No attachments are authorized on the NOAA Corps Pistol Ribbon bar.